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OBSTACLE TO UNITY.

NATIONALISTS AND WAR.

CHIANG'S DETERMINATION.

Differences To Settle Before Campaign Starts.

PEKING PREPARING TO RESIST NANKING OFFENSIVE.

Obstacles stand in the way of Nationalist unity now that Chiang Kai-shek, as commander-in-chief of the fighting forces, has decided on intensification of the campaign against Peking. One of his supporters, Tan Yen-kai, is chary of going to Hankow to absorb under one command the army corps which have been friendly to Canton and unfriendly to Nanking. Still, there are factors which show that some progress has been made towards settling differences before the Nationalists embark on another offensive.

Meanwhile, the Peking Generals continue to make preparations for resistance. There is no further news about possible peace negotiations with Shansi province and present indications are that revival of the war between Peking and Shansi is inevitable.

THE SHANSI SNAG.

Hankow, Yesterday.

General Tan Yen-kai (who some months ago relinquished command of the 2nd Nationalist Army to become a politician) has petitioned Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to appoint some one else to the supreme command of the 4th Group of Armies at Hankow, as he is doubtful of his reception there.

[Note: Chiang Kai-shek has appointed four "group" commanders, three on the Shantung front and one for Wu-Han, the latter being Tan Yen-kai.]

"Ironclads" Wanted.

Chiang Kai-shek is reported to be anxious to obtain the co-operation of General Chang Fah-kuei (commander of the Cantonese "Ironclads") in the campaign against the North and is prepared to overlook his Red activities if he will march north to join the anti-Peking Expedition. — British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Several issues are raised. The Wu-Han Nationalist Generals are believed to be unfriendly to Chiang Kai-shek who made a gesture by appointing Tan Yen-kai over their heads. The Wu-Han faction is friendly to the Canton Government which, in turn, has driven the Ironclads into the south of Kiangsi, from where Chiang Kai-shek is trying to bring them to the front.]

Wireless Confirmed.

A message to the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" confirms the wireless report of General Tan Yen-kai being chary of taking up the appointment of army group commander of Wu-Han, where the troops are more in sympathy with Canton than Nanking. But it should be noted that there has been no open quarrel and prospects of rapprochement have improved this week.

Wounded Brought Back.

Shansi, Yesterday.
Numbers of wounded troops have been brought back to Shansi. It is believed that these took part in the recent fighting in the vicinity of Temple Hill, between the Wu-Han Nationalists and the Hunanese army. — British Naval Wireless.

PROFESSES LOYALTY.

Friend Of Canton And Nanking.

General Pei Chun-hai (one of the big four of the Kwangsi group now in supreme control at Canton) is quoted by one of his senior subordinates at Hankow, in a cable to the "Kung Sheung Yat Po," as being friendly and loyal to Chiang Kai-shek. Former reports of differences between Pei Chun-hai and Chiang Kai-shek are attributed to "malicious, interested Japanese sources." Pei Chun-hai's subordinate also

FLOWER SHOW.

Mrs. F. C. Hall's Great Success.

NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR.

Exhibits Well Up To Previous Standards.

If there was a falling in quantity, the quality at the 1928 flower and vegetable show of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society was well up to the high standard set in previous years.

An experiment was made by choosing an earlier date so as to avoid the fog. Abundant promise was shown and then came the violent fluctuations in the weather. However, exhibitors did their best with the result that some of the classes were better than those of last year.

The lay-out at Volunteer Headquarters was much the same as hitherto, with sections classified and room left for tea-tables for use this afternoon. The show is well worth attending. Lady Clementi will present the prizes at five o'clock.

Event for Children.

A new feature of the show was the award of championship cups on the basis of points obtained (3 for a first, 2 for a second, and 1 for a highly commended). Mrs. F. C. Hall won both the championship cups for Peak classes. She also won one of the three challenge cups competed for by Peak exhibitors; and her son, Master Robin Hall, won first prize for a basket of flowers set up by children ten years of age and under.

Judging commenced earlier this morning and was completed in time for cards to be put up before the official opening.

List of Judges and Officials.

The following were the judges for the show:—Pot Plants (Open) Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mr. F. A. Perry; Pot Plants (Peak) Mr. J. P. Robinson and Mr. H. Green; Vegetables (Open) Mr. F. C. Hall and Mr. F. A. Perry; Vegetables (Peak) Col. T. A. Robertson and Mr. L. Gibbs; Cut Flowers (Open) Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mr. C. E. H. Beavis; Cut Flowers (Peak) Mr. H. Green and Mr. J. P. Robinson; General Exhibits, Mr. L. Gibbs and Mr. C. E. H. Beavis; Censors, Mr. Ho Kom-tong and Mrs. Aubrey.

The following officials of the Horticultural Society assisted in the organisation:—Mr. C. E. H. Beavis (President), Mr. F. C. Hall, Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Dyer, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. H. Green, Mr. J. P. Robinson and Mr. F. A. Perry (members of the Committee), Mr. J. A. H. Plummer and Mr. Andrew Tse (Joint Hon. Secretaries), also Mrs. F. C. Hall, Miss Robinson, Miss Wells, Miss Tse and others.

THE AWARDS.

Challenge Cups.

Cut Flowers (open). — Mrs. R. M. Dyer, for six bunches of antirrhinum.
Cut Flowers (Peak). — Mr. E. L. Sim, for roses.

Pot Plants (open). — Mr. Andrew Tse, for primula.
Pot Plants (Peak). — Mrs. F. C. Hall, for carnations.

Vegetables (open). — Mrs. D. Hoare, for tomatoes.
Vegetables (Peak). — Mr. R. E. Macdougall, for Savoy cabbages.

Championship Cups.
Pot Plants (open). — Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 49 points.
Pot Plants (Peak). — Mrs. F. C. Hall, 30 points.

Vegetables (open). — Hong Kong Club, 41 points.
Vegetables (Peak). — Mrs. F. C. Hall, 14 points.

Plants in Pots—Open to all except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens). — Kowloon Cricket Club 1; Mr. Choa Po-sien 2.
Nasturtium (tall varieties). — Kowloon Cricket Club 1; Mr. Choa Po-sien 2.

Salvia. — Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mr. J. H. Taggart 2.
Annuals of plants raised from seed the same season (excluding Nasturtiums). — Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mrs. Ho Fook 2; Mr. A. Tse, highly commended.

Annuals of plants raised from seed the same season. — Mr. A. Tse 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2.
Arums. — Mr. Choa Po-sien 1;

M.C.L. WORK.

Annual Meeting Held To-day.

MRS. SOUTHERN'S INTEREST.

Branch Secretaries Asked To Report Activities.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League was held at the Helena May Institute this morning. Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Vice-President, presiding in the absence of Mrs. W. T. Southern. She was supported by Mrs. D. W. Tratman (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. T. H. King (Hon. General Secretary), Mrs. Luard, Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Robinson. There was a good attendance of Branch Secretaries and members.

After the adoption of the report and accounts which were read by the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Wolfe appealed to branch secretaries, who were taking on for the year to provide reports of their activities to the General Secretary as they provided a useful record.

Mrs. Wolfe quoted from a letter received from Mrs. Southern in which she said she wished to express appreciation for the whole-hearted manner in which Mrs. King had thrown herself into the

DRIZZLE PREDICTED.

N.E. winds, fresh, fair at first, some drizzle or mist later, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

A somewhat deep depression is shown to the N.E. of Vladivostok. A fresh anticyclone has formed over China. The monsoon will set in again along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

secretarial work and the splendid manner in which she had tackled all the problems which had arisen. Mrs. Wolfe associated herself with this tribute and said that the secretarial position was no sine-cure.

On the proposition of Mrs. Wolfe, a vote of thanks to Mrs. King was heartily carried. Again referring to Mrs. Southern's letter, Mrs. Wolfe said that Mrs. Southern also expressed appreciation of the invaluable help given throughout the year by the branch secretaries and by the offer of Mrs. Charnock to take over the secretarial duties.

Officers For Year.

The Chairman announced the following Committee for the coming year:—Patroness, Lady Clementi, M.B.E.; President, Mrs. Creasy; Vice-President, Mrs. Wolfe; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Wynne-Jones; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Charnock; Military Branch, Mrs. Luard and Mrs. Robinson; Naval Branch, Mrs. Pearson; Police Branch, Mrs. Kent; Prison Branch, Mrs. Franka; Peak Branch, Mrs. Hyman; Peak Children's Club, Mrs. Gordon Mackie; St. Stephen's Girls' College branch, Miss Atkin; St. Paul's Girls' School branch, Miss Woo, M.B.E.; Bellios Girls' School branch, Miss Hughes; Kowloon Branch, Mrs. B. Wylie.

A Children's Play.

It was announced that the Garrison School children were presenting a fairy play to be given at Mt. Austin Barracks on March 1 and at the R.E. Theatre on March 2, tickets for which were obtainable.

United Services Recreation Club.

Antirrhinum. — Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1.
Begonia. — Kowloon Cricket Club 1; Mr. J. H. Taggart 2.
Geraniums. — Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mrs. Ho Fook 2.
Dahlia. — Mrs. Ho Fook 1; Lady Ho Tung 2.
Hellebore. — Mrs. Ho Fook 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2.
Petunia. — Mrs. Ho Fook 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2.
Verbena. — Mr. Choa Po-sien 1; Mrs. Ho Fook 2.
Linnaria (tall varieties). — Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1.
Cineraria. — Mrs. Ho Fook 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, highly commended.

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BOY MURDERED.

Foul Act In Kennedy Road.

TWO ARMED ROBBERS.

Stabbed Whilst Walking With Young Lady.

A young Chinese student of St. George's School, Hollywood Road, was the victim of a cold blooded murder in Kennedy Road last night. The youth, Fung Man-chiu (20), was walking with a young lady friend when they were accosted by two armed robbers, who not satisfied with robbing the couple of their valuables, killed the youth without giving him a chance to put up a fight for life.

Full details of the foul deed are not yet available, and the murder which has been the subject of police investigation throughout last night, is offering the detectives a lot of difficulty in view of rumours which have been current this morning.

One of the rumours which was very prevalent was that the murder was committed for a motive other than robbery and the valuables were taken from the victim and his companion to put the investigators off the scent.

Eye-Witness's Story.

The story as told to the police by the only eye-witness soon after the murder was as follows:—

According to But Fui-tong (19) a splinter living at No. 350, Praya East, at about 8 o'clock last night she was in Kennedy Road in the company of the dead youth. Fung Man-chiu. They were returning to Wanchai from a stroll. When they got to the top of Monmouth Path which leads down to Queen's Road East, they stopped to rest. They had been talking together for a couple of minutes when they suddenly became aware of the fact that two men were behind them.

Stabbed to Heart.

As the couple turned round, the two strangers pounced on them. One of the men caught hold of the girl and took from her a gold bangle and a neck chain worth \$51. Young Fung was not given a chance to put up a fight. He was seized by the other ruffian who immediately stabbed him in the left side of the back with what the girl saw was a sharp instrument. She was sure that it was not a dagger.

The blow entered Fung's heart and he immediately collapsed. His murderer then bent over his body and took a gold ring worth \$10 from one of his hands, and then both the murderer and his companion ran away down Monmouth Path.

A Lonely Spot.

The distressed girl ran about aimlessly at a loss as to what to do. The spot where the murder had occurred is a very lonely one and people seldom pass it at night. Eventually, however, she found her way to a house in the vicinity where she told what had happened. The police at Central Police Station were immediately communicated with by telephone, whence word was sent to No. 2 Police Station. Officers from both Stations, those from Central headed by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, arrived on the scene by motor cars a few minutes later. When they reached young Fung he was already dead. The body was removed to the Government Civil Hospital and thence to the public mortuary.

No Trace.

Within a few minutes of receipt of the report of the murder the whole of the district surrounding the spot was scoured by detectives, but up to morning it was understood that no trace of the murderer and his companion was found by the searchers. The vicinity of the murder was also thoroughly searched for the weapon used by the murderer which it was surmised he would naturally seek to get rid of, but this also proved fruitless.

KNOCKED DOWN.

Two Chinese were yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital as the result of being knocked down by a motor car in Queen's Road East. In one instance the driver of motor car No. 236 failed to stop after the accident. Both injured men's conditions are not considered serious.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 3/16.

GETS THERE.

HINKLER'S RECORD FLIGHT.

LONDON - AUSTRALIA.

British Aviator Does Journey in 15 Days.

SPLENDID INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT ON ORDINARY MACHINE.

Captain Hinkler, the British airman, has accomplished his flight from London to Australia in record time, actually taking between 15 and 16 days. In doing so he has established at least five new records.

From cables printed below it will be seen that this splendid achievement was the result of the airman's unaided efforts, that his machine was an ordinary light plane and that the whole trip cost not more than £40, which is less than the steamer fare from Britain to the Antipodes.

NO OUTSIDE HELP.

Port Darwin, Yesterday.

Hinkler arrived here at 6 o'clock this evening, having thus reached Australia in 16 days from England.

Five Records.

The papers give full-page headlines in tribute to Captain Hinkler's unprecedented flight, which ended with a 1,000-mile "hop" across the Timor Sea.

Hinkler established five records:—in his trip from England to Australia in 16 days; in his non-stop flight from London to Rome; in making the fastest journey from England to India; in the longest flight in a light plane; and in making the longest solo flight.

His light plane non-stop range is 1,260 miles. It is a four-cylinder engine, rated at 80 horsepower. It develops 80 horsepower and flies twenty miles to the gallon of petrol.

The cost of the entire flight has not exceeded £40.—Reuter.

Linking Up Empire.

London, Yesterday.
Hinkler's record making flight has captured the popular imagination and inspired numerous congratulatory telegrams notably from Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Secretary, who cabled that the flight has a further proof of what British pilots and British ma-

TO STOCKHOLM.

EXTENSION IN THE RADIO-TELEPHONE SERVICE.

London, Yesterday.

The trans-Atlantic radio-telephone service has been successfully extended to Stockholm. Calls are operated in the London trunk exchange which is connected with Stockholm by a through telephone cable circuit.

Count Hamilton, head of the Swedish telephone administration, has sent the British Postmaster General a telegram expressing his appreciation of the fine technical achievement accomplished by the British telephone engineers in co-operation with their American colleagues in establishing the new service so successfully.—British Wireless Service.

WAR FINANCE.

WHAT WE WILL PAY AND RECEIVE.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. M. A. Samuel, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, stated in the House of Commons that for the financial year ending March 31, it was estimated the receipts from allied-war debts would be \$10,700,000 and receipts from reparations about \$14,500,000, while payments to the United States would be about \$23,000,000.—British Wireless Service.

chines can do to link up the Empire serially.

Melbourne, Yesterday.
The flight is practically the sole topic. Mr. Bruce and numerous others have telegraphed congratulations and the suggestion is mooted at the Naval and Military Club that the Government should grant the airman £10,000.

Port Darwin, Yesterday.
Hinkler flew at an average of 92 miles an hour from Bima and was unable to sleep during the night spent at Bima owing to a plague of mosquitoes. He declared that the last stage of the flight caused him anxiety but he arrived fit, with his engine in perfect condition. He continues the flight to Bundaberg at dawn.—Reuter.

Satisfaction at Home.

London, Yesterday.

Hinkler's feat in flying to Australia in the record time on a light aeroplane has caused the greatest satisfaction here.

Port Darwin where Hinkler landed, is nearly 12,000 miles from Croydon by the route taken. He left Croydon at dawn on February 7 and landed at Port Darwin at six o'clock this evening, Australian time, which was equivalent to eight o'clock this morning Greenwich Mean Time. Thus the time taken was almost exactly 15 days.

No Financial Support.

Hinkler has not only easily beaten the record made by Sir Ross Smith and Sir Keith Smith who in 1919 flew from England to Australia in twenty-eight days. The manner of his doing it has been extremely remarkable. He made no big preparation as he had no financial support and his aeroplane was not a big, high-powered machine but an ordinary light machine such as anyone can buy for \$375 pounds.

For the past 18 months Hinkler had used this machine for touring England and Northern Europe. The machine had, however, proved its capability and reliability in air races, having won many prizes. Throughout the flight Hinkler received no assistance with his plane, not even in moving it on the ground. Never during the whole flight was it necessary to make adjustments to the engine, which is an ordinary standard 30-horsepower Cirrus, which is of itself a remarkable testimony to the good workmanship of this British made engine. The cost of the flight has been only about £50 which is less than the cost of travelling to Australia by sea.

Fastest to India.
It has to be added that Hinkler incidentally made the first non-stop flight from London to Rome and also the fastest time between England and India. The latter he accomplished in seven days, which is of itself an speech-making achievement.

Newspapers state this evening that the insurance which was supposed to have been effected at Lloyd's against Hinkler, beating the record of 28 days set up by the Smith brothers was never executed, and therefore he will gain nothing financially.—British Wireless Service.

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A Quantity of
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Comprising:—

Lumber, Empty Bottles, Rope,

Broken Glass, Old Newspaper,

Bones, Empty Boxes, Jam, Sandalwood, Chinese Paper, Lead, Flour,

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 23, 1928.

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Teak Bedstead with Box Mattress,

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG & TERRITORIAL
ESTATES, LIMITED.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY AN-

NNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-

HOLDERS in the Company will be

held at the Office of the Company,

"St. George's" Building, No. 7,

Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the

24th February, 1928, at 11 o'clock

a.m. for the purpose of receiving

a Statement of Accounts and the

Report of the General Managers for

the year ended 31st December,

1927, and electing a Consulting

Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the

Company will be CLOSED from

THURSDAY, 16th February, 1928,

until FRIDAY, the 24th February,

1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEAR-

LY MEETING of the SHARE-

HOLDERS in this Corporation will

be held at City Hall, Hong Kong,

on SATURDAY, the 25th February,

1928, at Noon, for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the Court

of Directors together with a State-

ment of Accounts for the year

ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the

Corporation will be CLOSED

from MONDAY, the 13th February

to SATURDAY the 25th February,

1928 (both days inclusive) during

which period no transfer of shares

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By Order of the Court of

Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

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MEETING will be held (weather

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1928.

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Secretary, Badges for admission of

2 Ladies free of charge.

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will not be permitted to

operate within the precincts of the

Hong Kong Jockey Club during

Race Meetings.

Hong Kong 21st February, 1928.

NOTICES.

IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES' ORDINANCES,
1911

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE
HONG KONG DEVELOPMENT

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SOCIETY, LIMITED,
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NOTICE OF FIRST & FINAL
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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end of \$100.00 per centum has been

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Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1928.

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try Forms of the SIXTH

EXTRA RACE MEETING to be

held on SUNDAY, 11th March, 1928,

can be obtained upon application

to The International Race & Re-

creation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hong

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Entries will CLOSE at 4 p.m.

29th February, 1928.

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AKI MARU Friday, 16th March.
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London, Yesterday.
Presiding at the annual meeting
of the Chamber of Shipping of the
United Kingdom, Sir William
Sanger said the outstanding fact
to-day was the great improvement
in shipbuilding. He thought that
the expansion of world trade would
soon call for more tonnage, to be
followed by improvement in
freights.
It would be unwise to make
themselves entirely dependent on
oil fuel and he suggested a develop-
ment in the use of pulverised coal.
-Reuter.

LACK OF INTEREST.
WHEN BERT BARRY WENT
HOME.
CHAMPION SCULLER'S DEBT.
London, Feb. 5.
The world champion sculler,
Barry, had a rapturous reception
at Waterloo on his return from
Canada.
The platform was crowded with
friends, many of them picturesque
in Doggett coats and badges,
which they had won, and carrying
shining yellow ears.
The arrival of the train was
greeted by a roar of cheering and
shouts for "Dert," whose carriage
was immediately surrounded by
fellow-sportsmen.
Barry spent ten minutes shaking
hands and then, seeing his mother
in the back of the crowd, he pushed
his way through to her.
Carried Shoulder-High.
After being photographed, the
champion was carried shoulder-
high to a motor coach, in which he
was driven to a hotel in Putney to
celebrate the victory.
Barry, in an interview, said he
was amazed at the lack of interest
in the Championship in Vancouver.
He was about £80 in debt and now
he would have to work jolly hard
at his usual job—that of a lighter-
man—to clear his debts.
He did not know whether he
could afford to give up his work
for training, but he would like to
defend his title on the next occa-
sion.

MIDDLE YANGTZE.
BANDITRY & LAWLESSNESS
PREVAIL.
Shasi, Yesterday.
Bandits along the middle stretch
of the Yangtze River are very
active at present.—British Naval
Wireless.
(Note: From Hankow, which is
about 600 miles from the mouth of
the river, up towards Shasi, 370
miles above Hankow, is considered
the "middle Yangtze." Bandits are
taking advantage of the present
war between the Wu-Han Nation-
alists and the Hunanese forces.)

WAR SHIPS IN HARBOUR.
The following war vessels have
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Ambrose and S/Ms; West Wall
Dock, Petersfield, Hollyhock, Fox-
glove; In Dock, Iroquois, L1, 2, 5;
No. 3 Buoy, Herald; No. 6 Buoy,
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S/Ms; No. 8 Buoy, Marazion; No.
11 Buoy, Somme, Sepoy; No. 12
Buoy, Serapis, Sirdar; No. 13 Buoy,
Bruce; No. 18 Buoy, Ruthenia,
Khark; Kowloon Anchorage,
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Captain C. C. Dickinson, Master
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that while on a trip from Bombay,
Singapore to this port, he passed
on the 17 inst., a spar floating
upright apparently attached to a
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exactly as Long. 109 55' E. and
Lat. 8 51' N.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
HAWAII MARUSaturday, 24th March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CELEBES MARU (Calls on Karachi) Monday, 5th March.
INDUS MARU (Call at Penang)Thursday, 15th March.
BORNEO MARU (Call at Penang) Monday, 19th March.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
PANAMA MARUFriday, 2nd March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
KASADO MARUSaturday, 25th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 5th March.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARUTuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.
MENADO MARUTuesday, 13th Mar. 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAYRE MARUSunday, 26th February.
JAPAN PORTS
BATAVIA MARUWednesday, 22nd February.
YOKOKU MARUTuesday, 28th Feb.
AMUR MARUMonday, 12th March.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
ROZAN MARUSunday, 25th Feb. 11 a.m.
KAIJO MARUSunday, 4th Mar. 11 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
DELI MARUThursday, 23rd Feb. 10 a.m.
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WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on February 1, 1928:-
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS LEVEL.
Tytam 1928 1927
Tytam Byewash 16' 6" B 12' 2" B
Tytam Intermediate Level 2' 3" B
Tytam Tuk 23' 1" B 34' 0" B
Wong Nei Chung 19' 0" B 18' 8" B
Pokfulam 21' 5" B 22' 2" B
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow";
A. denotes "Above Overflow.")
Storage in millions and
of gallons.
Tytam 1927 1928
Tytam Byewash 259.44 239.82
Tytam Intermediate 53 54.47
Tytam Tuk 195.90 183.45
Tytam Tuk 915.42 722.00
Wong Nei Chung 10.61 11.20
Pokfulam 21.75 20.40
Total 1403.71 1227.84
Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District in millions and de-
cimals of gallons during the month of
January.
Consumption 1928 1927
Estimated population 408,480 418,600
Consumption per head 17.9 18.4
per day.
Intermittent Supply in all Rides
Main Districts West of Eastern Street
from January 1st to 30th inclusive.
Intermittent Supply in all Rides
Main Districts West of Garden Road
from January 8th to 30th inclusive.

Fully Supply in all Districts on
January 31st.
Full Supply in all Rides Main Dis-
tricts from 1st to 2nd January except-
ing the districts west of Eastern
Street: an intermittent supply was
given 1st to 2nd January, 1928.
Intermittent supply in all Rides
Main Districts from 3rd to 31st
January excepting 8 days 21st to 28th
a full supply was operated on account
of Chinese New Year.
**KOWLOON WATER WORKS
LEVEL.**
Kowloon Reservoir 1927 1928
Shek Lai Pui Reser- 14' 8" B 7' 8" B
voir
Reception Reservoir 1' 8" B 1' 10" B
Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.
Kowloon Reservoir 1927 1928
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 217.24 192.19
Reception Reservoir 95.71 98.36
Total 312.95 290.55
Consumption of water in Kowloon
in millions and decimals of gallons dur-
ing the month of January.
Consumption 1928 1927
Estimated population 108,500 108,600
Consumption per head 16.4 17.4
per day.
Full Supply in all Districts during
January 1927 and 1928.
The Government Analyst's reports
show that the quality of the water is
satisfactory.
Total rainfall to January 31, 1927,
0.31; January 31, 1928, 1.68.

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MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
ALIPPORE	5,273	7th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,138	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,986	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KIRZAPORE	6,715	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARNALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,500	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KANPORE	6,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MORA	10,958	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NOVARA	6,080	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	10,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NANKIN	7,058	14th July	Marseilles & London

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TILAWA	10,000	6th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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TAKLIWA	7,050	26th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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ARAFURA	4,500	4th May	Melbourne

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

*MIRZAPORE	6,715	23rd Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
KALYAN	9,144	24th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
MONGOLIA	16,504	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKLIWA	7,930	2nd Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	9th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
SHIRALA	7,841	9th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*NAGPORE	5,283	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,940	16th Mar.	Shanghai.
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SANTHIA	7,754	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,040	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MORA	10,958	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
*JEYPORE	5,318	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDLA	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,080	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DELTA	8,097	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RANPURA	10,601	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NANKIN	7,058	4th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG

S.S. "LYCAON" Via Suez Canal 9th Mar.
S.S. "CITY OF DURHAM" Via Suez Canal 20th Mar.
S.S. "RHESUS" Via Suez Canal 6th Apr.
S.S. "CITY OF DUNKIRK" Via Suez Canal 20th Apr.
S.S. "CITY OF CARLISLE" Via Suez Canal 18th May.

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TRAMP TONNAGE.

REVIEW OF LAST YEAR'S OPERATIONS.

ONLY MODERATE RETURN.

Mr. William Ropner, of Sir R. Ropner and Co., West Hartlepool, in the course of a review of 1927 from the point of view of tramp tonnage, says that it has yielded only a moderate return.

"The year has not been altogether a bad one," observes Mr. Ropner, "and has been perhaps a little better than our expectations. The demand for tonnage to make up the leeway caused by the coal strike in 1926 resulted in a comparatively high level of freights during the first months of the year. When this demand was satisfied, rates fell away, especially during the months of June and July, with, however, some little recovery during the autumn months and a return to lower rates at the conclusion of the year."

Australian Disappointment.
"The Australian market has been sadly disappointing to shipowners and will certainly not recover its popularity until the fear of labour troubles out there be allayed and until it becomes possible to make voyage calculations with a reasonable probability of anticipations being realised. No owner can, to-day, calculate within 2500 or 2700 what his expenses at the loading port or ports will be. In any event, he must reconcile himself to the fact that the charges at the Australian ports will be at least three times as heavy as, for instance, at Montreal. He must also expect that his vessel will be kept three times as long loading, her cargo, Australia, by reason of her geographical position, is not favourably situated for the export of grain to the U.K. or Continent, and if she wishes to improve her export trade, or even retain her present position, steps must be taken to reduce the charges upon vessels loading there and to improve the dispatch, the alternative being that shipowners must demand such a high rate of freight to cover these disabilities as will place Australia at a serious disadvantage when competing with other countries in the export of her grain."

Grain Shipments.
Mention of grain shipments from other centres of export calls attention to the fact that the Black Sea, which in the history of shipping was so long a sheet anchor, can no longer be relied upon to provide remunerative employment. Perhaps from the shipowners point of view this is not to be regretted as grain is now being brought from longer distances with the result that voyages are correspondingly longer and a greater quantity of tonnage is required to move the grain.

"Whilst, then, 1927 has in the main been a moderate year different owners have had different experiences. Large up-to-date tonnage, whether of the steam or motor type, has made a reasonable profit. The position in the case of smaller and less up-to-date tonnage has been more precarious, and it will probably be found that a large percentage of this (especially in the case of boats bought a few years ago at very high prices) has not earned more than sufficient to pay for depreciation."

The Use of Oil Fuel.
"The competition between coal-burning vessels and vessels burning oil has become very keen. The position to-day is that the motorship is successfully outsteering steam in the case of large fast liners, but this is not by any means the case with the cargo tramp vessel; indeed, we are inclined to think that there is a check in the enthusiasm of those who advocated the use of oil fuel for the ordinary tramp boat. We hope that the coal-burning steam vessel, will, after all, justify itself, and if it should do so it would be a matter for considerable satisfaction on the part of the coal miners in this country and also of the railway companies, which in the past have conveyed such large quantities of bunker coal from the pits to seaboard, and which traffic would be lost if the use of oil became general."

"The initial cost of a motorship is much greater than that of a steamship of similar size, and it has yet to be shown by actual experience that the expense in the engine department of putting a motor vessel through her periodical surveys which she attains to a ripe old age (say, 16 to 20 years) will in any way compare with that of a steam vessel."

Pulverised Coal.
"The experiments which are being made with pulverised coal, and which would so far appear to have been successful, will be watched with the keenest interest. But with untreated coal it is already possible for a steam vessel of about 9,000 tons deadweight to be driven loaded at 10 knots per hour upon a consumption of about 30 tons per day, and this will certainly be improved upon in the future."

"In this connection it must not be overlooked that whilst during the year 1927 the price of light oil in bulk at many of the principal ports in this country dropped from about 24 lbs. per ton to 22 lbs. during the course of the year (say, about 5 per cent.), best Durham bunker coal declined from about 17s. 6d. per ton to 14s. 6d. per ton during the year (or about 17 per cent.), so that unless there be a further sensible reduction in the price of oil fuel, coal-burning tonnage will be better able to compete than in the past."

State Ownership.
"We cannot discuss shipping without mentioning a subject which is of deep interest to tramp owners, and that is the question of State-ownership of seagoing vessels. The experience of nations, which have recently experimented with State-ownership has been nothing short of disastrous. We may instance America, Australia, Canada, and in a lesser degree France. These countries together have lost hundreds of millions in their efforts to compete with private ownership and have failed signally. Surely politicians and others who continue to advocate State-ownership—not only for shipping, but for other trades—have subject here to make them pause. State-ownership may show a profit where competition is completely prohibited, but such profit is entirely fictitious, and in the last resort is at the expense of the community. The incentive to efficiency in the case of Government departments and Government officials can never be so great as that of the private individual whose livelihood depends upon the results of his own work."

Fewer But Stronger Hands.
"Following the close of the war many of the smaller shipowners sold their vessels at good prices, in some cases looking forward to the day when they could re-invest their money in cheaper vessels. Few, however, of those who left have returned, and the cargo tramp shipping trade of this country is gradually going into fewer but, probably stronger hands. This is all to the good, as the competition in the case of shipowners is minimised. During the past year there was comparatively little change in the cost of new vessels, possibly 3 per cent. or 4 per cent. would cover the extremes of fluctuation."

"Labour troubles have been avoided. The Sailors and Firemen's Union, whilst most zealously and efficiently guarding the interests of its members, has not made unreasonable demands upon the shipowner. Great Britain has no monopoly of cargo tramp ownership, indeed the competition from foreign countries becomes ever keener. These foreigners have a great advantage over the British owner through paying much lower wages, and through giving their crews cheaper food. In the case of several European countries the sum paid for wages and victualling on cargo tramp vessels is about one-third only of that paid by the British owner."

Japanese Demand.
"We would draw attention to a point which may—and probably will—in the future be of considerable importance to the cargo tramp owner, and that is the change in the habits of the natives of those countries where, in the past, wheat did not enter into the daily diet of the people, countries where, for instance, rice or maize has been the staple food. Already there has sprung up a considerable demand upon the part of the Japanese, for instance, for wheat, if not to replace, at least to be used in part as a substitute for rice. Similarly in South Africa much wheat will probably in the future be eaten as a substitute for maize. Wheat is being grown in almost superabundant quantities, and some countries are having difficulty in disposing of their supplies. Prices may tend downwards, and this is a case where the cheap supply may well create the demand."

"If we were to make a forecast for the year 1928, we would hazard that it will be another moderate year for cargo tramp owners. Confidence is gradually being established throughout the world, and there are many signs of an improvement in trade. On the other hand the future for the shipowner is, to a large extent, already discounted through the fact that there is a very considerable increase in the quantity of cargo tonnage, which has recently been built, or is in the course of construction."

ATLANTIC PASSAGE.

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The fast 43,500-tonner "Ile de France" is being equipped with a seaplane weighing five tons, and capable of carrying 15 passengers or two tons of mails, according to an announcement by the president of the Academy of Maritime Affairs. He added that shipbuilding had so progressed that it was impossible to produce faster and more economical liners. As ships cannot be speeded up the only way in which the Atlantic crossing can be reduced to four days is to use seaplanes, by which he hopes to save fifteen hours at each end.

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The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Singapore for this port on February 18 at 2.30 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and was due here to-day at about 6 a.m.

The M.V. "Chinese Prince" from New York sailed from Shanghai on Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. and is expected to arrive here to-morrow at daylight.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nellore" left Shanghai for this port on February 21 at noon, and is due here to-morrow at about 4 p.m.

The C.R.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Shanghai on Feb. 21 at 12.30 p.m. left Shanghai yesterday at 9 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow morning. She will sail for Manila on February 25 at 5 p.m.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Romolo" sailed from Penang on Feb. 21, and is due here on March 1.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Tugela" sailed from New York on January 16, and is due here on March 9.

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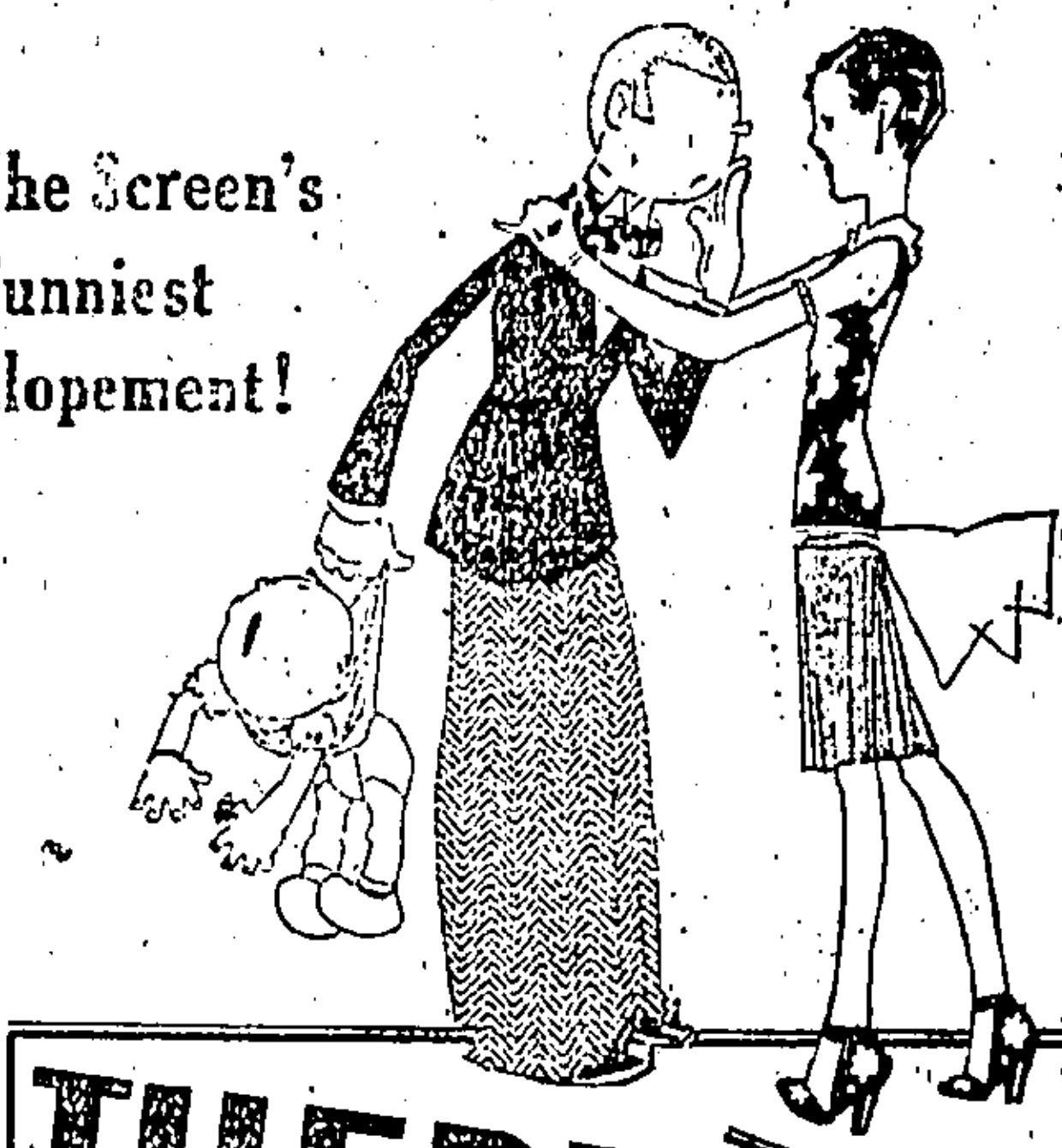
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GETTING THERE.

There is something pathetic in
the account of how the British
airman, Captain Hinkler, has per-
formed his flight from London to
Australia in less than sixteen
days. It was done so unostenta-
tiously and matter-of-factly.
The airman, it seems, asked ad-
vice or assistance from nobody.
It looks as if the idea to fly to Aus-
tralia one day came into his head
and that he forthwith pushed his
light machine from its hangar
and set off, getting there in re-
cord time and incidentally estab-
lishing five air records. At home
they are deploring the lack of en-
terprise in civil aviation; Sir
Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister,
shakes his head and says the
Government can do no more than
it is doing; military aviation is
said to be at a standstill. Hinkler,
however, without any fuss, leaves
London one morning for Australia,
and gets there.

Cables published to-day tell us
that the greatest satisfaction is
being expressed in England and
Australia at the success of the
flight. And rightly so. For this
trip of Hinkler's is much more
than a mere stunt. It has made
plain the potentialities of aircraft
in linking up widely separated
parts of the Empire. It has
shown how the flying time can be
considerably shortened and the
cheapness of aerial travel. The
trial, admittedly, had been blazed
for our latest air hero, but his
flight has added immeasurably to
existing knowledge of long dis-
tance "hops."

Upon reading of Hinkler's
flight and the manner in which it

was accomplished the question
that immediately strikes the
man-in-the-street is: Why was
not the Government behind the
effort? Perhaps the answer is
that the airman did not require
their assistance; perhaps he felt
he had more chance of success if
he kept the attempt on a personal
plane, having regard to the mis-
fortune that has accompanied so
many officially-sponsored flights
of late. Whether this was so or
not, it is palpably the duty of the
Government to step in now that
the flight is a fact and at least re-
imburse the airman in regard to
what it has cost.

The Whole Loaf.

Except that fault can be found,
because the view is a short-sighted
one, it might be said that the sup-
posed refusal of the Nationalist
Government to negotiate with Mr.
A. H. F. Edwards, the acting
Inspector-General of the Chinese
Maritime Customs, on the subject of
a joint tariff conference, was all for
the best. We refer to the difficulties
visualised by division of the cus-
toms surplus on the basis of either
regional distribution or ratio to port
collections. The question has arisen
with the extension of Nationalist
power in China. This power has
been and may still be a fluctuating
quantity. According to news from
Shanghai, the Nationalists prefer to
wait awhile for the whole loaf
rather than compromise for half a
loaf. It is stated that their policy
is actuated by confidence in ability
to bring the expedition against Pe-
king to a successful conclusion—
to stabilise their power as a fixed
quantity. The setting up of one ad-
ministration for the whole of China
will automatically solve many of the
problems which have been outstand-
ing for some time. Whether it is
the Nationalist Party or another
faction that brings the country un-
der one rule, foreigners will hope
that the task will be accomplished
soon so that the element of uncer-
tainty will cease to hinder inter-
course.

ST. JOHN BRIGADE.

M.E. the Governor will conduct
the annual inspection of the St.
John Ambulance Brigade on Mur-
ray Parade ground on Tuesday,
March 6, at 5.15 p.m.

The Bar Council has resolved
that there is no objection to mem-
bers of the English Bar who have
been judges in Ireland and have
retired with pensions practising in
England under the usual conditions.

Long-service soldiers are advised
in a War Office letter circulated to
the Aldershot troops to save money
during their service in readiness
for their return to civil life when
they take their pensions.

AT YUNNANFU.

PRETTY WEDDING AT C.I.
MISSION.

PAYNE-FRASER.

A very charming wedding took
place at the church of the China
Inland Mission, Yunnanfu, on Wed-
nesday, February 15, when Mr.
Talmage de Witt Payne, son of the
late Mr. J. P. Payne, of Seattle,
Washington, was united in holy
matrimony to Miss Grace Lillian
Fraser, daughter of Mr. J. Fraser,
of Rochester, N.Y.

The bride was dressed in white
satin-back crepe, open at the
throat, and edged with lace; with
a rosette at the left shoulder also
of crepe. She wore an ornamental
band in her hair, and carried a
pretty bouquet of pink carnations
and stocks. She was attended by
Miss Ruth Metcalfe as flower
girl, looked very pretty in a loose
pale blue frock, carrying a basket
of variegated carnations and
cherry blossom.

Miss Anna Weber made a charm-
ing bridesmaid, dressed in salmon
pink crepe de Chine trimmed with
old lace, with a ribbon of the same
colour in her hair, and carrying a
bouquet matching that of the
bride.

Mr. Kuhn, of the same Mission,
supported the Bridegroom as Best
man, and the ceremony was per-
formed by the Rev. F. J. Dymond,
of the English Methodist Mission.
The Rev. J. O. Fraser (B.Sc., Lon-
don) at the organ, helped to make
the ceremony most impressive, ac-
companying Mr. Harrison, who
sang a solo.

The reception was held at the
residence of the Rev. H. A. C.
Allen, of the China Inland Mission,
and Mrs. Allen was responsible for
the decorations and refreshments,
which left nothing to be desired.

After tea had been served, Mr.
Fraser, who is a very accomplish-
ed pianist, played selections from
memory, which called forth the ad-
miration of all present.

—Our Own Correspondent.

ST. PAUL'S BRIDGE.

BEST WAY OF COPING WITH
LONDON TRAFFIC.

"The St. Paul's Bridge scheme,
or something like it, is, in our
opinion, the best way of coping
with the problem of traffic across
London," said Mr. Francis C.
Polden, M.L.E.E., M.L.Mech.E., in
discussing with an "Evening
Standard" representative a report
of the Bridge House Estates Com-
mittee, to which he is a signatory.

In this report, just completed,
the committee deals with the re-
commendations of the Royal
Commission on Cross River
Traffic in London. It will be dis-
cussed by the Court of Common
Council on January 19.

"The committee," Mr. Polden
explained, "does not consider the
Ludgate Bridge proposals of the
commission to be feasible, and are
still of opinion that there should
be a bridge at or near St. Paul's.
Who do not lay it down emphati-
cally that the scheme should
follow the exact lines of the
original St. Paul's scheme. It
might be, some of us think, a com-
bination of the Ludgate and St.
Paul's ideas. That is a matter
for further consideration."

"But that some bridge in that
neighbourhood is necessary, we
are agreed, and the committee, in
asking to be authorised further to
consider and report on the whole
question of cross-river traffic
within the City area, were
unanimous."

Critics of the St. Paul's scheme
have argued that it would
threaten the safety of the Cathed-
ral. On this point Mr. Polden
holds a contrary view.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL.

GIFTS FROM CHINESE
PATRONS.

Mr. F. V. Bernardini, Director
of the St. Louis Industrial School,
writes to inform us that through
the Hon. Mr. E. A. C. North, Sec-
retary for Chinese Affairs, he has
received from several Chinese gen-
tlemen a sum of \$900 as a donation
towards the expense of buying ma-
chinery for the school.

The names of the donors are—
Messrs. Kwok Siu-lan, Fung Ping-
shan, To Sei-tu, Leung Pat-ye,
Chow Chun-ning, Li Hoi-tong, Tse
Kai-po, Tang Siu-kin, and Li Yau-
tan, and the amount of contribu-
tion is \$100 each.

Mr. Bernardini wishes to thank
these Chinese patrons for their
generosity which is very greatly
appreciated. He adds: "To the
Hon. Mr. North the school is also
very largely indebted for his kind-
ly interest in the institution."

"So far the school has incurred
an expenditure of \$15,000 for new
machinery."

LITTLE DANCERS.

MISS VIOLET CAPELL'S
ENTERTAINMENT.

PRETTY PERFORMANCE.

Miss Violet Capell and her clever
dancing pupils gave their annual
charity entertainment in aid of the
London Hospital at the Queen's
Theatre last evening.

The "show" was a great success
both from the entertainment as
well as the financial point of view.
The audience was large and en-
thusiastic, and all the performers
who acquitted themselves well came
in for much applause which they
richly deserved.

The varied programme was very
well arranged and interest was sus-
tained throughout the time the
dancers occupied the stage.

Those taking part in the show
included: M. Wallace, C. Whelan,
J. Perry, J. Croft, J. Felstoff, M.
Culliver, P. Greenhill, D. Hawker,
P. Tod, H. Hills, J. Smith, A.
Raworth, D. Brown, B. Tong, D.
Wallace, B. Brearley, W. Remington,
D. Breakspear, E. Hilliard, J.
Stewart, J. Cunningham, E. Stain-
field, A. King, B. Fowel, N. Laing,
M. Boulton, A. Goodman, R. Tong,
W. Harcomb, B. Walker, I. Shin-
horst, H. Weir, B. Bone, G. Swan,
B. Mitchell, M. Tod, K. Wolfe, R.
Taggart, M. de la Prade, J. de la
Prade, J. Woolley, F. Mooney, D.
Sandes, M. Sandes, D. Wu, L. Mok,
K. Lee, A. Choy, F. Ho Tung, M.
Clark, M. Glendinning, E. Gear, B.
Pethick, H. Wylie, J. Smith, M.
Brown, S. Pethick, P. Way, Q.
Bell, R. Bell, P. Capell, E. Rose, E.
Boulton, M. Meyer, E. Tod, H. Ho,
S. Ho, B. Bird, B. Walker, P.
Gittens, R. Wong, G. Jowitt.

The artistes will give another
performance at the Queen's at 5
p.m., next Monday, and one at the
Star Theatre at 9.15 p.m., on
Wednesday next.

ARTHUR'S CLIFF.

SCHEME TO SECURE IT FOR
THE NATION.

Much interest is being shown
in a proposal to take steps to
secure for the nation a famous
stretch of Cornish cliff.

The property, known as Church
Cliff, about fifty acres in extent, is
part of the glebe land attached to
the vicarage of Tintagel, and
it overlooks the precipitous
island rock, owned by the Prince
of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall
upon which stands the romantic
ruins of King Arthur's Castle.

Not far away is Slaughter
Bridge, the supposed, scene of
King Arthur's death.

These acres of cliff land have
been in the possession of the
Church from time immemorial,
and the present Vicar, the Rev.
A. Blissard Barnes, is anxious
lest one of his successors might
be tempted to part with them
from mercenary motive.

He has, therefore, obtained the
consent of the patrons of the
living and of the Ecclesiastical
Commissioners to the sale of the
property for £1,500 (which is said
to be less than half of its present
value as building land). An ap-
peal will be made shortly for
funds to carry out the scheme.

OFFICIAL FOUND.

MITCHAM MAN UNCONSCIOUS
IN HULL.

Mr. Charles Seymour (48), of
Bond Road, Mitcham, a super-
visor of the Air Ministry, who has
been missing since December 4,
was found by the Hull police in
an unconscious condition in the
street.

His head was injured, appar-
ently by falling, and he was
thought to be suffering from loss
of memory. It was found later
that he was suffering from the
effects of poison.

Mr. Seymour, who left Mitcham
on December 4 to visit his mother
in the Old Kent Road, afterwards
visited an hotel with a friend, but
left without finishing his drink.
He was not heard of till recently.

Mr. Seymour is an ex-Service
man, and still suffers from gun-
shot wounds.

His wife, who has gone to Hull,
says he has no relatives there,
and she cannot understand how he
got there.

It is stated that a note found
in Mr. Seymour's pocket read:

"I have travelled a long way, and
am very tired. I cannot remem-
ber where I live."

The mail for Europe via Mar-
seilles by the s.s. "Katori Maru"
closes at the G.P.O. for registra-
tion at 4.15 p.m. and for letters at
5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 instead
of as usual on Saturday.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A clever foreign pianist had
been engaged as accompanist to an
amateur singer whose ambitions
were higher than her technique.
The lady had been flat nearly all
through her songs, and at last the
pianist lost his temper.

"Madam," he said politely but
sadly, "It is of no use. I give up
der chob. I play der black keys,
I play der white keys, and always
you sing in der cracks."

She was one of those women who
want to see everything in the shop
without regard to the trouble
caused. She wanted some socks.
"There, madam," observed the
salesman, "you have our entire
stock," and pointed to a mass of
grey-coloured hosiery that littered
the counter.

"Is that all you have?" she asked
in disappointed tones.

"Yes, madam," was the reply, and
he added, thoughtfully, "except the
pair I have on, of course."

7.30 a.m.—Hard-working Mother
(calls upstairs to still reposing
son): "Now then, get up, can't
yer? Why should I work and slave
and you up there snoring like a
pig?"

Voice from Above: "Ere! Not so
much of yer clarse 'atred!"

Bootblack: "Shine your boots,
guv'nor?"

"No."
"Shine your boots so yer can see
your face in them?"

"No."

"Well, I don't blame yer."

A celebrated actor who had been
driving to his theatre in a cab paid
only the legal fare.

"Are you the gentleman who plays
Shylock, the Jew, at that theatre?"
said the cabbie, looking gloomily at
the money.

"Yes, I am," was the reply.
"Ah, I thought so," retorted the
cabbie. "And you does it first-rate,
it's quite natural to you."

A motorist, whilst touring, met
an old man who was driving a cart
with a donkey between the shafts.
Thinking to have some fun at the
old man's expense, "What is the
difference between your turn-out
and mine?" he asked.

The old man looked at him for a
few seconds, and said: "Not a
great deal. The donkey in the
shafts of one and on the seat of the
other."

During

FLOWER SHOW.

(Continued From Page 1.)

Delphinium and/or Larkspur.—Mr. Choa Po-sien 1; Mrs. R. M. Dyer 2.

Freesia.—Mrs. Ho Fook 1.

Phlox Drummondii.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Lady Ho Tung 2.

Roses.—Mr. J. H. Taggart 1; Mr. G. M. Shaw, highly commended.

Dianthus, excluding Carnation, Pictorial and Sweet William.—United Services Recreation Club 1.

Carnations and/or Pictorial.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Lady Ho Tung 2; Mrs. Ho Fook, highly commended.

Maiden Hair Ferns.—Lady Ho Tung 1.

Ferns, excluding Maiden Hair.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mr. L. Gibbs, highly commended.

Asparagus Plumosus.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1.

Mignonette.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1.

French Marigolds.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mrs. Ho Fook 2; Mr. G. M. Shaw, highly commended.

African Marigold.—No award.

Nasturtium (dwarf varieties).—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, highly commended.

Pansies and/or Violas.—Mr. A. Tse 1; Mrs. Ho Fook 2; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, highly commended.

Violas.—Mrs. Choa Po-sien 1; United Services Recreation Club 2; Mr. J. H. Taggart, highly commended.

Stock.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mr. A. Tse 2; Mrs. Ho Fook, highly commended.

Primula.—Mr. A. Tse 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2.

Annuals, Perennials and/or any plants.—Mr. A. Tse 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2; Mrs. Ho Fook 3.

Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens).—Mrs. F. C. Hall 1; Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin 2; Sir Robert Ho Tung, highly commended.

Nasturtium (tall varieties).—Mrs. F. C. Hall 1; Mr. F. S. Harrison 2.

Salvia.—Sir Robert Ho Tung 1; Mr. T. E. Pearce 2.

Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season (excluding Nasturtium).—Mr. W. H. Bell 1; Mr. T. E. Pearce 2; Peak Club, highly commended.

Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season.—Peak Club 1; Mr. R. E. Macdougall 2.

Arums.—Mr. A. Cameron 1; Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 2; Mr. W. H. Bell, highly commended.

Antirrhinum.—Mrs. F. C. Hall 1; Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 2; Mr. R. E. Macdougall, highly commended.

Begonia.—Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 1.

Dahlia.—Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 1; Mrs. F. C. Hall 2.

Heliotrope.—Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 1; Mr. T. E. Pearce, highly commended.

Geraniums.—Mr. L. J. Davies 1; Mrs. F. C. Hall 2; Mr. W. H. Bell, highly commended.

Cineraria.—Mrs. F. C. Hall 1.

Petunia.—Mr. R. E. Macdougall 1.

Linaria (tall varieties).—Mrs. F. C. Hall 1; Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 2.

Roses.—No award.

Verbena.—Mr. L. S. Greenhill 1; Mrs. F. C. Hall 2.

Delphinium and/or Larkspur.—Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 1; Matilda Hospital 2.

Phlox Drummondii.—Mrs. F. C. Hall 1; Mr. E. L. Sim 2; Peak Club, highly commended.

Freesia.—Mr. W. H. Bell 1; Matilda Hospital 2.

Nasturtium.—Mr. L. J. Davies 1; Mr. W. H. Bell 2.

Dianthus (including Hybrids but excluding Carnation, Pictorial and Sweet William).—Mr. F. S. Harrison 1; Mr. W. H. Bell 2; Mrs. F. C. Hall, highly commended.

Carnations and/or Pictorial.—Mrs. F. C. Hall 1; Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 2.

Maiden Hair Ferns.—Mrs. M. Murray 1.

Ferns excluding Maiden Hair.—No award.

Asparagus Plumosus.—Mrs. F. Hayley Bell 1.

Mignonette.—Mr. L. J. Davies 1; Mrs. F. C. Hall 2.

French Marigolds.—Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 1.

African Marigold.—No award.

Pansies and/or Violas.—Mr. H. L. Denny 1; Mr. R. E. Macdougall 2.

Violas.—Mr. W. H. Bell 1; Mr. R. E. Macdougall 2.

Stocks.—Mr. E. L. Sim 1; Mr. T. E. Pearce 2.

Primula.—Mr. T. E. Pearce 1.

Annuals, Perennials and/or any plants.—Mr. E. L. Sim 1; Mr. L. S. Greenhill 2.

Vegetables, etc.—Open to all, except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardens.

Collection of vegetables (not less than 6 varieties).—Hong Kong Club 1; Mr. J. W. Franks, highly commended.

Cabbages.—Hong Kong Club 1; Mr. J. W. Franks 2.

Savoy Cabbages.—Mr. J. W. Franks 1; Hong Kong Club 2.

Cauliflowers or Broccoli.—Mr. C. M. Shaw 1; Hong Kong Club 2; Mr. A. Tse, highly commended.

CINEMA NOTES.

RAMON NOVARRO'S NEW PICTURE.

"LOVERS" AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Lovers," Ramon Novarro's first film since "Ben-Hur" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day. Based on the big stage success, "The World and His Wife," the new picture is a dramatic romance of the Spain of to-day, with Alice Terry, star of "Mare Nostrum" and "The Magician," as the heroine. "Lovers" is a story of the poisonous effect of scandal on a home and upon human souls, told with a fine sweep and power. John M. Stahl, the noted director, made the new production which he filmed on a lavish scale. The cast includes Roy D'Arcy, Edward Martindel, George K. Arthur, Edward Connelly, John Miljan, and others of note. The thrilling duel scene is one of the first occasions Novarro has had to fence since the sensational fight he staged in "Scaramouche" in which Miss Terry also appeared. "Lovers" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre until Saturday.

"ALTARS OF DESIRE"

Mae Murray, dainty heroine of "The Merry Widow" and dozens of screen romances, has turned, to comedy in her latest picture, "Altars of Desire," in which Conway Tearle plays opposite her in the male lead. "Altars of Desire" is the type of comedy that has lately found favour with the film fans, the comedy flavoured with romance. "Altars of Desire" was directed by Christy Cabanne, who made "The Masked Bride" and other successes. Maude George, Robert Edeson and Andre Beranger are included in the cast. "Altars of Desire" will be screened at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday.

THE ROAD TO YESTERDAY.

Reincarnation is the theme of "The Road to Yesterday," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day as the attraction until Saturday. The early scenes of the picture are set in the Grand Canyon of Colorado, and all are most beautiful. Then comes the train wreck when a ponderous engine plunges its way into a crowded express coach, inflicting terrible havoc. As the flames burst forth, the scene changes to England of the seventeenth century. The principal characters are then shown leading the strange lives they led in that age and the dramatic happenings depicted alter their lives when they come back to the present day. The story has been handled by the producer, Cecil De Mille with all the subtle artistry for which he is famous. The leading players are Joseph Schildkraut, Jetta Goudal, Vera Reynolds, William Boyd and Julia Faye.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

NEW COMEDY FOR SUNDAY.

Conrad Nagel, erstwhile romantic hero of the screen, will be seen at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and Monday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue, in his first comedy since "Dance Madness." The new picture is entitled "There You Are," and it presents the funniest elopement ever thrown on the screen. The story deals with the love adventures of a timid office clerk who suddenly finds himself in love with his wealthy employer's daughter delightfully played by Edith Roberts. Realising that permission to marry is not likely to be given, the couple decide to elope and from that minute until the end of the picture there is not one dull moment. George Fawcett, who has played father to almost every star of the screen, does some more fathering in "There You Are" and in this role is exceptionally good.

Other members of the cast include Gwen Lee who plays the part of "vampire," Eddie Gribbon the imitable "villain," who is excellent as the taxi driver; and Gertrude Smalley who does her full share in making "There You Are" one of the outstanding comedy successes of the year.

Basket of Cut Flowers (for children aged 10 years and under).—Master Robin Hall 1; Master R. Compton 2.

Table Decoration.—Mrs. A. H. Compton 1; Mrs. Aubrey 2; Miss Wilson 3.

Display of Cut Flowers grown by exhibitor.—Mrs. D. Hoare 1.

Group of Bulbs (excluding Narcissus Tazetta).—No award.

Annuals or plants grown from seed, the same season (excluding Nasturtium).—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mr. A. Tse 2.

Flowering plants of the same kind or variety grown from seed, new to the Colony and/or not included in the Society's list of flowering plants.—Mrs. Aubrey 1.

GOLD CHARIOT.

TEAM BURIED WITH ROYAL OWNER.

EXCAVATIONS AT UR.

Treasures without parallel in any grave hitherto excavated in Ur of the Chaldees have been discovered by the Joint Expedition of the British Museum and the University of Pennsylvania.

In the partially rifled tomb of a king, near the recent excavated grave of Prince Mes-Kalam-Dug was found a treasure of golden offerings dedicated to the dead ruler of about 3,500 B.C. These included:—

An ornate chariot, heavily decorated with gold figures and ornaments.

A 12-stringed harp, whose upright is capped and bound with gold.

Both had been made of wood, which had decayed. In each case, however, the woodwork had been outlined with borders of inlay, which still kept its place in the soil.

"By following this up," says the report, "we were able to make photographs and drawings, which render possible the exact reproduction of these astonishing objects."

Gold Lions' Heads.

Not only are the outlines of the chariot all emphasised by bands of mosaic, but the upper rail is decorated with 12 heads of lions and bulls in gold lions' heads, with waving manes of lapis and shell.

From the front upright project panthers' heads of silver, while silver heads of lions adorn the front bar.

"It is indeed a regal chariot," comments the report.

It was drawn by two asses (the horse was not known in Mesopotamia until 1,500 years later).

Their bodies lay in front of it on either side of the pole; they were collar of copper, decorated with an eye pattern.

On the pole was the rein-ring of silver, surmounted by an electrum figure of a donkey.

As a piece of realistic art, this is unsurpassed by any sculpture yet found in that country.

"For some reason which it is hard to explain," says the report, "we did not find the actual body of the king who must have been buried here—probably the tomb was rifled at an early date—but there were many other bodies in the grave-shaft."

"Fortune reserved until the last day the most precious of the offerings dedicated to the dead man. Against the earth wall at the back of the shaft we found four magnificent gold vessels, two lamps, a chalice and a tumbler.

These four pieces must rank with those from the grave of Mes-Kalam-Dug as the finest examples of gold work yet unearthed in Mesopotamia.

"They lay together almost hidden by a mass of cups and vases of silver."

There was a little toilet set in gold and a small silver box, the lid of which was a mosaic in lapis and shell.

This was the finest example of this technique yet unearthed, representing a lion crouching over its prey; the figure of the beast, white picked out in red, stands out boldly against the blue background.

A gaming-board of inlay work was more interesting, as with it lay the two sets of "men." One set was finely engraved shell plaques, bearing scenes of animals.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Hector" for England via Singapore and Marseilles on Feb. 22 were:—Mrs. N. and Miss E. M. Adair, Mr. and Mrs. Birdwood, Mrs. D. W. Bell, Mrs. P. M. and the Misses J. and A. Blackwell, Comdr. T. I. Scott, Beh, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. T. A. N. and Miss Castle, Mr. S. Carr, Mr. L. G. Cranna, Mr. R. D. Cromartie, Mrs. H. L. and Mstr. H. L. Denny, Mrs. W. Divens, Mr. and Mrs. and Mstr. V. L. Fairley, Mrs. D. K. Kovack, Dr. J. H. Lamb, Mrs. G. B. Labrum, Mrs. J. H. Little, Mrs. S. Mason, Mrs. H. L. Meeklenburg, Mrs. and Mstr. (2) McMeekin, Mr. E. T. Matland, Col. W. J. McElhinny, Mrs. D. L. and Mstr. I. J. L. McWhirter, Mrs. A. Norman, Mr. C. F. Pulman, Rev. Father Paul, Mrs. W. Peach, Mrs. H. V. and Miss J. Robertson, Mr. J. W. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Miss and Mstr. Ralton, Mr. W. T. Stanton, Mr. A. J. Shrubsole, Mr. R. P. Samanillo, Mrs. O. E. Tryner, Mr. G. J. Tarrant, Mr. and Mrs. Tan Chan-guan, Mr. J. F. Wright, Mr. J. M. Walter, Mrs. G. M. Wilford, Mr. E. Wheen, Mr. B. Wilkinson.

William Moss, a farmer and cattle dealer, was fined £75 at Uttuxeter, Staffordshire, for failing to notify cases of foot-and-mouth disease.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Lovers."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Road to Yesterday."

To-day—World Theatre; "Altars of Desire."

February 24—Cheer 'O dance at City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

February 26—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

February 27—Sixth Dancing display by Miss Violet Capell's Pupils, Queen's Theatre; 5 p.m.

February 29—Star Theatre; Dancing display by the Pupils of Miss V. Capell, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

February 25—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fauling Hunt steeplechases (Spring meeting).

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevesa" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

February 27—At 5, Armend Bldg., (Ground Floor), Kimberley Rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

February 27—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, Silver and plated ware, 2.30 p.m.

February 28—At 25 Humphreys Bldg., Hanol Rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

Hughes' & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 8 p.m.

Meetings.

February 24—Fourth annual meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., 7 Connaught Rd., 11 a.m.

February 24—Annual meeting of seat holders of the Union Church, Kennedy Rd., 5.30 p.m.

February 25—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

February 27—The Hong Kong Tramways Limited, hold yearly meeting at Messrs. Jardine's offices at noon.

February 29—Forty-first annual meeting of the H.K. & K. Whf. & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's, noon.

Miscellaneous.

February 24—Pianoforte Recital by Mr. Harry Ore, at "Muitomah" No. 2, May Rd., 9.30 p.m.

February 28—Sir Shou-son Chow and Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall entertain Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., in Chinese Merchants Club.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

March 28—Annual Inspection of Hong Kong Police Force by H.E. The Governor.

NOTICES.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending December, 1927, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 10th MARCH, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. MANUK, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd February, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1928 to WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CHAPPELL, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th February, 1928.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A man who escaped from Morpeth, Northumberland, Mental Hospital, walked 20 miles to his home, where he was captured.

The Queen has purchased four water-colours by the Earl of Ypres from the exhibition now open at the Goupil Gallery, Regent Street, S.W.

Camberwell Council will urge Newington Licensing Justices to make uniform the hours for opening and closing of public-houses in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rummell have returned to Shanghai after a visit to Manila. Mr. Rummell is auditor of the Vacuum Oil Company of that city.

A fire broke out last night whilst a motor vehicle belonging to Lane Crawford's was being filled with petrol in Douglas Street. The fire brigade was summoned, but the blaze was put out before the firemen arrived.

"If the gentleman who put his eyeglass into the alms bag on December 18, instead of a coin, will call at the vestry it will be returned to him."—Notice in current number of St. Mary's, Twickenham, parish magazine.

The flower-sellers in Wyndham Street yesterday moved across to the opposite side to where their stalls have been for years. The change is not permanent but is because of the necessity of repairing the roadway close to the old stalls.

Five cases of notifiable disease were reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday. All patients are Chinese. One with small-pox and two of typhoid are from the city registration district. There was another case of typhoid from Kowloon and a case of diphtheria from Kowloon.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., in an address at Newport (Mon.), expressed the view that the Conservative regime is nearly at an end. "I say this, not by way of a prediction, but because I am a super-optimist, and feel confident that the next time I come down here for a reunion, I will be a Labour Minister."



A. D. Lasker, former head of the U. S. Shipping Board, who with Mrs. Lasker has given the University of Chicago a foundation of one million dollars for medical research to increase life expectancy of persons 50 years or more of age.

San Franciscans visiting in Shanghai include Mr. and Mrs. George Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Kelly. The former is making a pleasure trip in the Far East and will remain there for a few weeks. Mr. Kelly is an exporter connected with the firm of Getz Bros. in San Francisco and is in the Orient in the interests of his firm.

Passengers who sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Hector," bound for England via Suez and ports, included Lt. Comdr. T. I. Scott-Bell, R.N., Mrs. H. L. Dennis, Mrs. C. E. Labrum, Mrs. J. H. Little, Rev. Father Paul, Mrs. J. W. Robertson, Mr. J. W. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ralston, Mr. W. T. Stanton, Mr. A. J. Shrubsole, and Mr. J. F. Wright.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield commended a house-boy employed by Mrs. E. Mackay, Jordan House, Nathan Road for his smart and intelligent work in effecting the arrest of a thief who entered the kitchen by opening the back door with a skeleton key. The thief got three months for entering the house and a further six weeks for possession of eleven keys and a packet of pepper.

Bristol last year imported more than 25,000 tons of tobacco, on which nearly £22,000,000 duty was collected.

The Surrey County motor licences department collected \$616,005 for the year ended December 31 last, as against \$473,417 in the previous year.

Messrs. Fukushima and Funatsu will again be recommended to the Japanese community of Shanghai as candidates for the Municipal Council seats this year.

Found dead sitting on a box outside a shop in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday morning, the body of a street coolie was removed by the police to the public mortuary.



His Excellency Jenab-Ali Khan, who is the Acting King of Afghanistan while His Majesty King Amanullah Khan is away touring Europe. Ordinarily, His Excellency is Minister of War, Minister of Foreign Affairs and General Ambassador to foreign countries. He appears to have a medal for each part of his magnificent name.

A conference of judicial officers of all prefectures was called at the official residence of the Justice Minister to make arrangements regarding control of irregularities in the coming general election. In the course of his speech, Dr. Hara, the Justice Minister gave instructions to the judicial officers present to exercise their authority in a fair and just manner in controlling the general election and also to keep strict watch over acts of Government officials so as the prevent illegality.

His many friends in Hong Kong both in Service and civilian circles will congratulate the Master of Napier on his engagement, the announcement of which was made in the Home papers in mail week. The Master of Napier came to Hong Kong over a year ago as a Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. He is the eldest son of Lord Napier and Ettoick. The bride-to-be is Miss Muir Newson, daughter of Sir Percy Wilson Newson, of Camberley, Surrey, and Lady Newson who was formerly Miss Helena Franklin.

In connection with Lenten observances at St. John's Cathedral, yesterday (Ash Wednesday) was observed as a "Quiet Day" with Holy Communion in the morning followed by Matins and an address at 10.15 a.m. and Intercessions and a second address at noon. At 5.30 p.m. there was evensong and another address, all addresses being by the Dean and the subject, on "Prayer." During Sunday mornings in Lent, the Dean is to give a course of sermons, and the Rev. H. V. Koop will preach in the evenings. Special Lenten services are also being held on Sunday mornings at St. Peter's Church, the preachers being the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, the Rev. H. V. Koop, the Rev. N. V. Halward, the Rev. N. Evans, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone and the Rev. E. K. Quick.

The death has occurred of General Sir Edwin A. H. Alderson, K.C.B., at Lowestoft, at the age of 68 years. The only son of Colonel E. Mott Alderson of Ipswich, General Alderson commenced his distinguished military career in 1878, which included service in the Transvaal campaign in 1911, the Nile Expedition in 1894-1895, and distinguished service in Africa commencing in 1896. He also commanded the Mounted Infantry in South Africa in 1900-1901, in 1902 receiving the C.B. brevet of Colonel, and appointment of A.D.C. to H.M. the King. He served in India from 1908 to 1912, and during the War when he was awarded the K.C.B. and was placed in command of the Canadian Army Corps, retiring in 1920. General Alderson was also an author and a prominent member of several British yachting clubs.

"I abominate waste in whatever form it may be practised," said Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labour, at Edinburgh.

Alice Louise Eastman, aged 30, of Gillingham, Kent, has died from what is suspected to be anthrax, caused by the fur collar of her coat.

Following a business trip to Manila in the interests of the Dollar Steamship Company, Mr. Don Tilling, returned to Shanghai on the "President Lincoln."

The forthcoming wedding is announced of the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, at present acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hong Kong, and Miss L. C. Greening of Peking.

The boys of the Royal Marines Volunteer Cadet Corps, Deal, have won the Lord Roberts trophy, awarded by the National Rifle Association, with the record score of 98.5.

The "Cheer 'O' Y.M.C.A. dance will be held at the City Hall tomorrow at 8.30 p.m. Tickets for men are at \$1, ladies by invitation. The "Lyric Dance Orchestra" will be in attendance. The dance is for Servicemen only.

"In industrial affairs the mind of Labour is still prepared for peace if it can be arranged on terms which will not mean submission, and will share fairly with Labour the fruits of sacrifice and service," said Mr. J. R. Clynes, speaking at Northampton.

A Chinese woman living at No. 69 Caine Road was killed as the result of a motor accident yesterday afternoon. She was crossing the road when she was knocked down by a passing car. The woman was so badly injured that she died on the way to the hospital.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—Their Afghan Majesties arrived and were welcomed at the station by President Hindenburg, members of the Cabinet and others with royal honours. The party motored to the Prince Albrecht Palace, which has been placed at their disposal. The streets were decorated and lined with cheering crowds.



James Clement Dunn, of New York, for the past year social aide at the White House, who has just been appointed head of the newly created division of protocols of the State Department. Mr. Dunn's new duties is a ticklish but very important task diplomatically, for he determines where persons shall sit at international conferences, the making of dates and taking charge of arrangements.

Thomas George Miles, a hairdresser, of Huntingdon, who has died at the age of 78, was one of the few remaining survivors of the disaster to the pleasure steamer "Princess Alice," which was sunk in the Thames in 1878 with a loss of 650 lives.

Sydney.—The manager of the Wembley Park Sheep Station at Dubbo found a young English employee named Douglas Ralph Grafton standing in a dazed condition beside the horse he had been riding. Asked what was the matter, Grafton replied that he did not know, but he had lost his eyesight. He was taken to hospital but died three hours later. The cause of his death was said to be fracture of the skull.—Reuter.

A test will be carried out from Lee Theatre to-morrow (Friday), from 8.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. On this occasion the studio has been decorated with a view to republishing solo songs as well as songs accompanied on the piano. There will also be talks on matters of local interest. Mr. R. Sutherland, c/o Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., will be glad to receive full reports. Wave length 340 metres.

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With conditions remaining settled in the South, chief interest during the week has centred in the activities of the Nanking Nationalists and their threat of war-like activities against the Fengtien forces now in command at Peking.

A filip has been given to their preparations by the report that General Chiang Kai-shek has paid a visit to General Feng Yu-shiang, the "Christian General," and that the pair are to co-operate against the North.

The Peking party, in the meanwhile, are said to be considering an attack upon Shansi, which possesses Nationalistic sympathies.

In Canton perfect peace reigns. The Southern capital has come into the limelight this week by reason of the visit of Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister at Peking. The itinerary of Sir Miles is published in full in this week's issue of the "Overland," which also brings the China situation up to date for the Homeside reader.

All local events, sporting, social and commercial, are fully described.

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SPORTS

FOURTH ROUND.

Scottish F.A. Cup Draw.

SHEFFIELD'S "DERBY" RESULT.

Several League Matches Played Yesterday.

The draw for the Scottish F.A. Cup fourth round (to be played on the ground of the first-named clubs on March 3) resulted, according to a Reuter cable, as follows:—
Aldon v. Rangers.
Motherwell v. Celtic (holders).
Queen's Park v. Partick.
Dunfermline v. Hibernian.
Third Round Replays.
London, Yesterday.
Two ties in the third round were played to-day and resulted:—
Queen's Park 1, Kilmarnock 0.
Falkirk 0, Hibernian 1—Reuter.

ENGLISH RESULTS.

Fifth Round Sheffield Tie Decided.

London, Yesterday.
The one match remaining undecided in the fifth round of the English F.A. Cup was replayed yesterday and resulted:—
Sheffield United 4, The Wednesday 1—Reuter.

The draw for the sixth round (also to be played on March 3) is as follows:—
Blackburn v. Manchester United.
Sheffield United v. Notts Forest.
Huddersfield v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Arsenal v. Stoke.

LEAGUE GAMES.

Results of Six Mid-Week Matches.

League matches played to-day (home clubs mentioned first) resulted as follows:—
English League.
Division I.—Cardiff 2, Birmingham 1.
Division II.—South Shields 1, Hull 0; Notts County 1, Notts Forest 2.

Scottish League.
Division I.—Airdrieonians 0, Motherwell 2; Dundee 3, Dunfermline 2; Hearts 1, Partick 2—Reuter.

The league tables concerned now stand as follows:—
Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	23	14	7	7	43	40	35
Huddersfield	22	15	6	8	47	34	34
Leicester	23	12	6	8	43	33	33
Bolton	23	13	6	9	50	44	33
Cardiff	23	12	8	8	50	47	32
Burnley	23	14	3	13	50	60	31
Newcastle	23	11	3	13	58	60	31
Sunderland	23	11	7	9	53	50	29
Tottenham	23	12	5	11	51	59	29
Blackburn	23	10	9	10	40	51	29
Liverpool	23	10	8	10	51	54	28
Bury	23	10	13	14	50	58	28
Aston Villa	23	11	6	12	53	52	27
Arsenal	23	10	7	12	55	50	27
West Ham	23	11	5	12	58	50	27
Middlesbrough	23	10	7	13	55	50	27
Derby	23	9	7	13	55	50	27
Sheffield U.	23	9	7	12	50	52	26
Manchester	23	10	6	12	47	52	26
Birmingham	23	6	11	11	45	53	23
Portsmouth	23	8	6	14	46	73	22
Wednesday	23	5	9	13	49	69	19

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Chelsea	23	17	6	5	55	28	40
Manchester	23	17	4	6	69	42	38
Cardiff	23	15	6	8	49	40	37
Leeds	23	15	6	8	49	40	37
Oldham	23	15	6	8	56	33	36
Stoke	23	15	5	8	52	40	35
West Brom.	23	12	8	9	57	62	32
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THE CLEVER ONE.

"The Forger," by Edgar Wallace
 (Hodder and Stoughton).

This is perhaps the most inter-
 esting of Edgar Wallace's recent
 novels. Full of mystery and excite-
 ment to the very last chapter, it
 holds the interest from the first
 page.

Who was the Clever One, who
 agitated the bankers and baffled the
 police with his unauthorised hobby
 of making banknotes? "He's
 never tackled English notes be-
 fore," said Rouser, who was a very
 conscientious detective. But the
 story is not only about the Clever
 One. There is Peter Clifton and
 Jane, his wife, on their honeymoon
 at Longford Manor. They have
 many exciting adventures which in-
 clude midnight visitors, and after
 a very few hours Jane begins to
 wonder if she has married the
 Clever One. Then comes Donald
 Cheyne Wells, the doctor, who would
 make her believe that Peter is mad.
 Certainly it looks as if he has some
 knowledge of the death of Basil
 Hale who is found murdered in the
 grounds the morning after their
 quarrel.

Madame Unterzohn, half mad,
 and obsessed with the idea that her
 son is the true heir, is an inter-
 esting though pathetic character.

One might reasonably suspect
 that Peter has committed the mur-
 ders during a period of insanity.
 He is in doubt himself, and Donald
 Wells has warned him that he is
 liable to these attacks. Indeed he
 tries very hard to convince every-
 one, but that's where Jane inter-
 ference. She invites three prominent
 doctors to tea, and Peter, though
 he doesn't know it, is observed
 very carefully, and pronounced sane.

Perhaps it is not the best of
 this author's books, and is not put
 together as well as most of them;
 perhaps too, one could wish for a
 little more explanation. But it is
 an interesting story.

—S. C.

"Miss Brown of X.Y.O.," by
 Phillips Oppenheim (Hodder &
 Stoughton).

Edith Brown gets lost in a fog.
 She wanders about trying to find
 her way back to her rooms in Shep-
 herds Market. Finally, she sits
 down, exhausted, on some steps
 leading up to a house, to think
 the matter over. The door behind
 her opens, and a man, nearly fall-
 ing over her in doing so, comes
 down the steps. "I beg your par-
 don," he said, "I didn't see that
 anyone was there."

From that moment things begin
 to happen, and so rapidly that Miss
 Brown often wonders if she will
 ever return to that old, uneventful,
 life. She finds herself suddenly in
 a world of mystery and danger,
 anarchists and revolution, and her
 longing for romance is being satis-
 fied.

Perhaps the strongest character
 is Paul, who makes his way brave-
 ly through the story. A Russian,
 who works during the day as wait-
 er in his father's restaurant and
 works through the night as a
 professional dancer in a hotel, he
 unselfishly supports his family and
 wishes he had enough money to
 marry the beautiful Frances. Miss
 Brown herself is not an altogether
 well-studied character. One notices
 this more because it is not a usual
 fault of Mr. Oppenheim's. But one
 is rather inclined to wonder if a
 girl who did not smoke, often sold-
 ed Frances for the little flirtations
 she indulged in, and was, on the
 whole, old-fashioned, would not also
 object to cocktails and drinking
 more wine than is usual for a young
 woman of the middle classes.

The author has a big idea, and
 presents it in an interesting man-
 ner. There is excitement, too, and
 the book holds the interest from
 the beginning.

—S. C.

FROM GOLDFISH TO BANANAS.

"The Goldfish," by Robert Lynd
 (Y. Y.). London: Methuen.

It is a very big achievement to
 write one good essay a week that
 will not only conform to the high
 standards of an English weekly
 review such as the "New States-
 man" but will also be equal to the
 dignity of cloth boards. It is all
 the more difficult, as the essay
 is a peculiarly English tradition—
 there is Montaigne, the French-
 man and the greatest of all, but
 that one swallow has not made a
 French summer of essayists yet
 —and the man who lightly takes up
 the pen may well pause to remem-
 ber that Bacon, Lamb and Hazlitt,
 Addison, Steel and Thackeray are
 looking over his shoulder to see if
 he is worthy of them.

The great mission of the essayist
 is to bring back to us our lost sense
 of leisure and independent judg-
 ment; that old ability to get inside
 a subject and pace up and down it
 as we used to pace up and down the
 big rooms that are built no more
 for us; not blank idleness but that
 well-deserved respite from incessant
 and often embittering activities in
 which tolerance is born. The
 essayist must pace up and down and
 round about, look at himself in the
 mirrors, look out at other people
 from his windows, touch his books,
 poke up his fire, stand on his fender
 and—tell us charmingly what has
 been distracting him. If after this
 he fails to make us more tolerant
 of our fellows, more intimate with
 ourselves, more aware of the live-
 liness and many-sidedness of the
 world, he is no essayist.

By all these standards Robert
 Lynd must take a high place. In
 "The Goldfish"—the first and the
 last essays are not his best; it is
 in the intervening 25 we recom-
 mend—there are such titles as "The
 Mad Martian," "The Promenade,"
 "A Man of Genius," "Crabbed
 Age"—which is not at all crabbed—
 "The Uses of Disgrace," "Brutality,"
 "In Praise of Temperance" and
 "The Nutritive Qualities of the
 Banana." Mr. Lynd insinuates
 himself ingeniously into these sub-
 jects and feels his way about them,
 asking questions here—oh, he does
 not wait for an answer—asserting
 there, confessing, remembering a
 tale, letting slip an epigram, one
 moment counsel for the defence, the
 next counsel for the prosecution.

The prevailing mood is kind-
 liness, tipped with irony. He does
 not expect too much and is pleas-
 antly surprised at the good he
 finds. He is an agreeable moralist
 and confesses he thinks "the tem-
 perate Puritan" is the nearest ap-
 proach to the ideal man. But he is
 more inclined to be grateful than
 to reform. Of "A Man of Genius"
 he tells that he was an artist "in
 a constant energy of courage, open
 and secret kindnesses, and hap-
 piness in the passing moment." In
 the "Mad Martian" the irony is
 most telling. The Martians look-
 ing out from their planet upon the
 Earth "see us shining in the
 heavens, and are convinced that we
 are living in the Golden Age in
 which their poets tell them that
 they too once lived."

"WRITTEN IN DEPRESSION."

"I speak of Africa," by William
 Plomer. (London, Hogarth
 Press).

William Plomer certainly sees
 the dark side of African life.
 His preface indicates that he has
 a grievance against "colonial
 squeamishness" in that land
 where "a small white population
 is spread like a blight."

In the whole of the book,
 cleverly enough written, and full
 of interest as it is, there is not
 one chaste woman—one fine man.
 Africa may have her share of
 what he describes, but surely
 there is another side to the pic-
 ture! It is the bitter vision of
 a bitter man we find in these
 short stories spaced out with too
 many chapter headings into
 something a little pretentious.
 The author needs a sense of
 humour and some of the milk
 of human kindness.

—S. C.

BRIDGE OF FATE.

"The Bridge of San Luis Rey,"
 by Thornton Wilder. (Lon-
 don, Longman's).

It is not likely that Mr.
 Wilder's "Bridge of San Luis
 Rey" will ever be classed with
 the "best sellers." It is too fine
 and polished a piece of work for
 that. The story begins with an
 accident—the collapse of an old
 native bridge at Lima, in which
 five people lost their lives. A
 priest, wondering why a just
 God should have chosen those
 five out of all the folk of Peru,
 for a sudden and violent end-
 ing, began to investigate their
 lives. He did this to such pur-
 pose that his book and himself
 were burnt in public—and now
 Mr. Wilder, taking up the story
 in a safer century, pictures the
 characters and circumstances of
 the old tragedy, and shows how
 each came to be on the bridge.
 The result holds for those who
 seek it, a note of subtle
 humour.

EUROPE AND THE LEAGUE.

"Europe in the Nineteenth
 Century," by A. J. Grant
 and H. W. V. Temperley.
 (London, Longman's).

In their study of Europe from
 1789 to 1914 Professors Grant,
 of Leeds, and Temperley, of
 Cambridge, have departed from
 the course followed by so many
 of their predecessors, in that
 they paint on the broad canvass
 of a continent rather than on the
 narrow panel of an island. The
 book is a study of international
 politics and policies on the Con-
 tinent and in Britain, the results,
 wars, and the misunderstandings
 —and worse—which brought us
 to the tragedy of 1914. With
 the League of Nations ever in
 mind, a good case has been made
 for it by these historians.

VISCOUNT GREY AND THE
BIRDS.

"The Charm of Birds," by Vis-
 count Grey, of Fallodon.
 (London, Hodder & Stough-
 ton).

Perhaps, as Viscount Grey
 assures us, his bird book no
 scientific value, and only bird-
 lovers will care for it. It is,
 however, a charming book. The
 author has made a study for
 each month in the year of his
 particular feathered pals in the
 woods of Fallodon. He writes
 what he sees, writes it well, and
 makes others see it through his
 pages. Those who like to curl
 up in a big armchair with a
 quiet, scholarly type of book will
 find Viscount Grey's style to
 their liking.

MARINES AT WAR.

"The Royal Naval Division," by
 Douglas Jerrold. (London,
 Hutchinson).

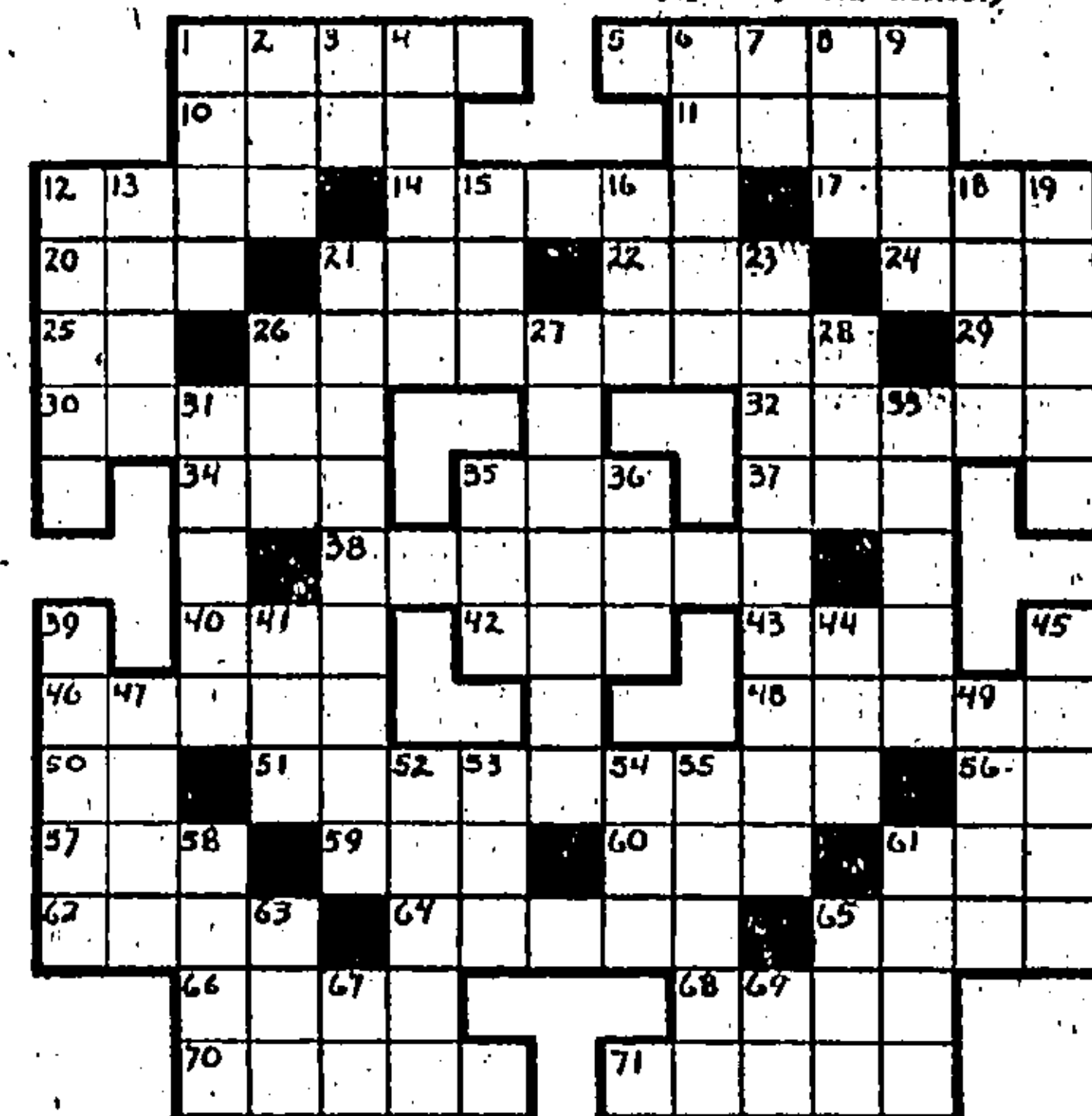
The adventure of the Royal
 Naval Division in the early days
 of the war was told some time
 ago by Mr. Douglas Jerrold, in
 an expensive book. This war
 story, with maps, and an intro-
 duction by Mr. Winston
 Churchill, is now available in a
 cheap edition, which should bring
 it within the financial reach of
 everybody who would know the
 intimate details of that phase
 of the fighting in 1914. The
 print is small, but nothing has
 been lost.

AN EARL OF OXFORD.

Edward de Vere, the seventeenth
 Earl of Oxford, was one of the most
 important figures of the Court
 of Queen Elizabeth. Mr. B. M. Ward
 has written a book, to be published
 by Murray, in which he depicts him
 as a soldier, a statesman, and a
 courtier. Oxford's friends includ-
 ed two generations of the Cecils,
 the third Earl of Sussex, and John
 Lord Lumley, and his rivals were
 Sir Philip Sidney, Sir Christopher
 Hatton, and Sir Walter Raleigh.
 He has not, hitherto, made an
 agreeable figure in English history,
 but Mr. Ward says he has been con-
 demned unheard.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
 but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
 phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



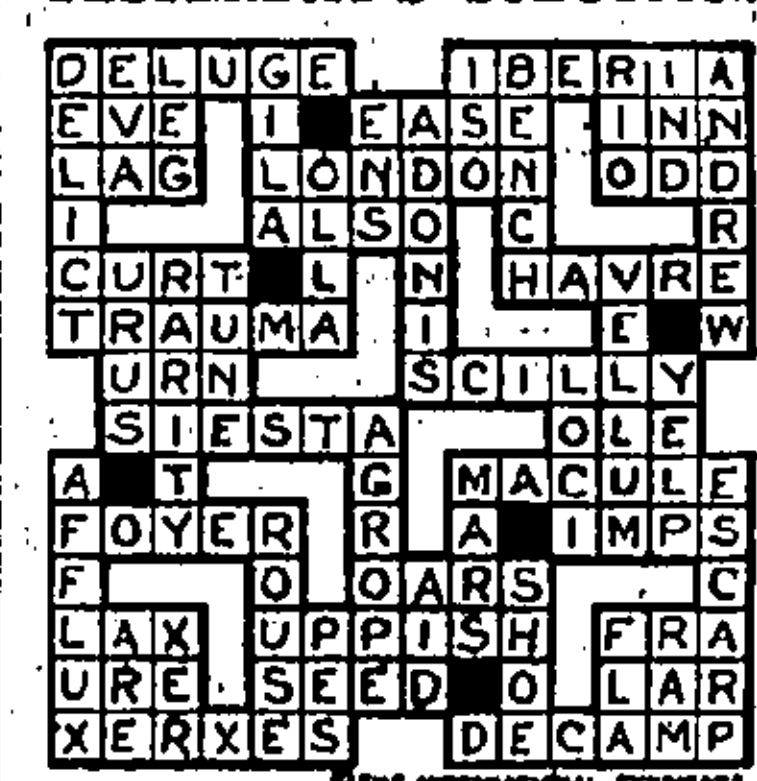
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|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Blight sharp sound | 56-Half a dozen | 18-French coin |
| 5-Fruit of gourd | 57-Alkaline solution | 19-The "Eternal City" |
| 10-Pitiful | 58-Woman's patriotic | 19-Destitute |
| 11-Adjutant | society (abbr.) | 21-Made a forecast |
| 12-Strike with the | 60-Possess | 23-Diffusion of heat or |
| open hand | 61-Part of a fish | light |
| 14-Sediment | 62-Splendour on which | 23-Masculine name |
| 17-To mend | wheel revolves | 27-Grant of Bible |
| 20-Drinking vessel | 64-Fabulous tyrant | 28-Fabled bird of great |
| 21-Recompense | 65-Wise man | size |
| 22-Over (Postical) | 66-English educational | 31-Place of worship |
| 24-Projection | Institution | 32-Even |
| 25-Part of verb "to be" | 70-Kat away | 32-Amy |
| 26-Uneven | 71-Scrutinize | 33-Simple song |
| 28-Personal pronoun | | 33-City in Florida |
| 30-Ester | VERTICAL | 44-Steal from |
| 32-Dealt out sparingly | 1-Peak | 45-Limit |
| 34-Boy | 2-Ridge | 47-A variety of agate |
| 35-Sum total | 3-Allowing that | 48-Bad |
| 37-Refrigerate | 4-Evergreen tree | 52-Rendered easier |
| 38-Mossier State | 5-Support for a | 53-Worship |
| 40-Part of a circle | picture | 55-Possessor |
| 42-24 hours | 7-Island near New | 55-Basides |
| 43-Mark aimed at in | York (abbr.) | 61-Temple |
| quills | 8-Uneven | 63-Organ of the body |
| 46-Famous landscape | 9-Tidy | 66-Part of a fireplace |
| artist | 12-Crush | 67-Preced |
| 48-Entrance | 13-Shapeless mass | 69-In a direction |
| 50-Amy | toward | |
| 51-Timber of beach | | |
| tree | | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
 Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure.
 These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn
 will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the
 numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
 appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
 puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



TOPSY-TURVY TALES.

"The Wind that Wouldn't Blow,"
 by Arthur Bowie Chrisman.
 (London, Dent).

Once upon a time there was in
 China, an old beggar, Sun Swee,
 who had an interview with the
 Emperor, Hu Sung, in which his
 Majesty failed to please. So
 Sun Swee handsomely apologised
 to the Emperor and then, haul-
 ing off, gave him a grievous
 punch on the jaw. That is a
 topsy-turvy way they are suppos-
 ed to have in the East. Mr.
 Chrisman, who is remembered
 for his charming book "Shen of
 the Sea," has given us another
 volume of tales equally charm-
 ing. It is a book for children,
 but youngsters of three-score-
 and-ten who may wish to read it
 are not disqualified.

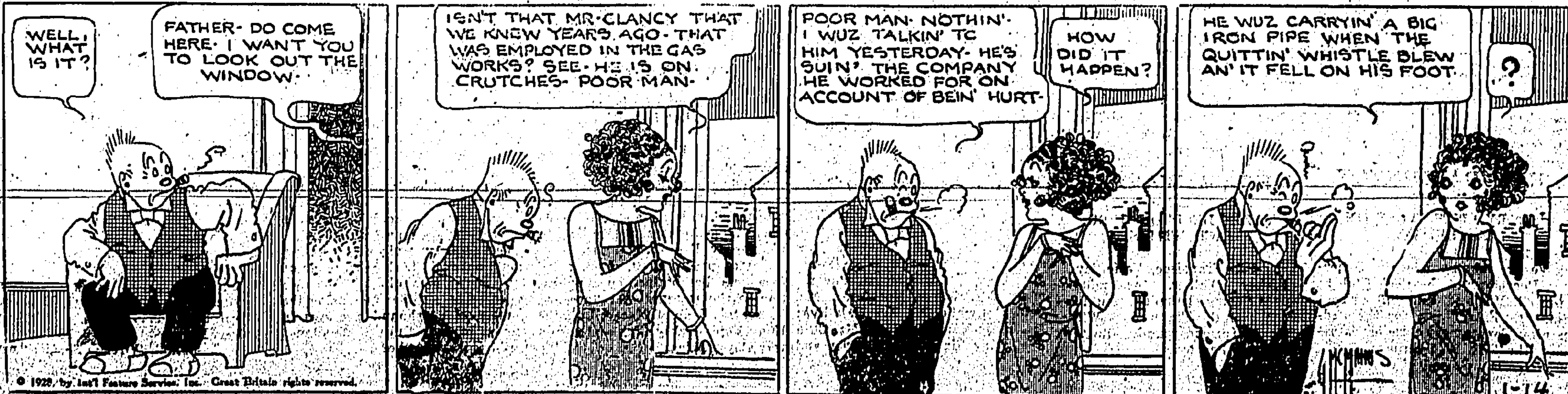
Much care has been given to the
 portraits appearing in the new
 volume of Queen Victoria's "Let-
 ters," which John Murray will
 publish. One of them pre-
 sents the Queen as "Von Angeli
 painted her at Windsor in 1865.
 Another shows Lord Beaconsfield
 in the possession of Viscount Hamble-
 den. There is also a Millais pic-
 ture of Gladstone as he was in
 1885, and his friend, the second
 Earl of Granville, appears in a
 drawing of about the same time.
 The late Marquis of Salisbury and
 Archbishop Tait, who was a valued
 friend of Queen Victoria, figure in
 portraits by George Richmond.
 Two soldiers, the Duke of Con-
 naught, and Lord Wolseley, appear
 in pictures by Sohn and Von Angeli.

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LOCAL MOTORING.

CONDITIONS REVIEWED AT
ANNUAL MEETING.

AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

In the course of the annual meeting yesterday of the Hong Kong Automobile Association, Mr. M. K. Lo spoke on the local traffic regulations and thought the time had come for a revision. Particular reference was made by Mr. Lo to summary arrests for "touting" and to the forbidding of one vehicle passing another in a controlled area.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Ho Leung in the absence of the President, Commander G. B. Hartford. The Chairman reviewed the progress during the year, referring to the considerable increase in the number of cars, and the excellent condition of local roads thanks to the co-operation of the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Director of Public Works.

Referring to the Drivers' Registration Bureau, the Chairman said it had more than justified its existence not only in the number of drivers supplied but in the matter of its influence on private drivers as a whole as would be seen from the very small number of accidents on local roads and the high standard of driving prevailing locally.

Facilities Afforded.

The "Asiatic Motor" had been replaced by the "Autocar," one of the best British motoring journals which was sent direct to members at the cost of \$8.50 per year. As regarded petrol the year had witnessed a reduction from 90 cents to 75 cents per gallon. As regarded the Association's handbook, this had been revised and augmented with more valuable information both for use in the Colony and for those going home on leave.

Other improvements effected locally, referred to by the Chairman, were the widening and straightening of the road through Quarry Bay, also the road through Shaikwan, the eliminating of danger due to the position of exits to latrines in Connaught Road Central, the clearing of corners along Pokfulam Road, Dairy Farm Hill and entrance to the lower road at Repulse Bay Road (made possible by the action of the Botanical and Forestry Department) and the vigilance of the patrols instituted to prevent thefts at parking places.

The Chairman appealed to motorists to use the City Hall and Square, (south side) as much as possible when leaving cars for any length of time in order to relieve congestion on other more central parking places. Cars parked in the centre of the street should be placed obliquely as indicated by the white lines, and not at right angles to the road; this arrangement allowing drivers to leave without reversing.

Kowloon Conditions.

Coming to Kowloon matters, the Chairman referred to the rebuilding of Taiipo bridge and to the submission by the Kowloon Residents Association and Automobile Association of a scheme for the solution of traffic direction at the "Star" ferry approach and exit. It was to be hoped that work on this much needed improvement would soon be commenced.

After referring to the possibility of holding a motor show, which proposition had temporarily been postponed until conditions improved, the Chairman said the financial strength of the Association was sound. Whilst on the subject of finance, it is necessary to add that the increase of work incumbent upon the Association has necessitated clerical assistance and the additional employment of patrols, all of which will make further demands upon our finances.

Thanks were returned to the Hon. C.S.P. and Hon. D.P.W. for kind assistance and to the Rev. G. E. S. Updell for his generous aid rendered to the Association, also to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., for the use of the Board room for annual meetings.

The report and accounts were adopted after which Mr. Lo raised the matters referred to above. The Chairman said the Committee would consider Mr. Lo's suggestions.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Vice-President, Mr. Ho Leung, Hon. Secretary, the Rev. G. E. S. Updell, Treasurers, Messrs. Linstead & Davis. The Committee was constituted as follows: Messrs. C. D. Lambert, F. Meade, W. J. E. Mackenzie, C. M. Mannars, L. C. F. Bellamy, C. P. Marcel, E. Grimble, E. J. J. Spradbery, M. K. Lo, and L. G. S. Dodwell.

Bernard Dillon, the jockey, of Spermin, Temple Road, Epsom, Surrey, who pleaded guilty at Bow Street, to a charge of being drunk and disorderly in Charing Cross Road was fined 10s.

HER GOOD NAME.

PRINCESS ALLEGED TO BE A
SPY.

CLAIMS BIG SUM.

Paris.—Princess Zizianoff, who was refused a passport for America by Mr. Donald Bigelow, Consul and Chief of the Passport Service, on the ground that she was an undesirable; has succeeded in causing a first-class scandal.

The reasons given for refusing the passport were that she was an adventuress and a German spy in the pay of the Bolsheviks.

Wide publicity was given to the case here and in America, and as a result Princess Zizianoff took action against the Consul for slander, claiming heavy damages. The case was opened before the Twelfth Correctional Tribunal, and the resumed hearing was adjourned.

Career of the Princess.

The Princess, a beautiful woman, is of French origin, and this fact has won for her a tremendous amount of newspaper sympathy in her fight with the American Consul.

She belongs to an old Breton family; her father was a distinguished professor.

Her champions and biographers recall that in 1910 she married Prince Karaman Petrovitch Zizianoff-Taitzianoff and went with him to Russia.

The Prince died during the war. Then began the tribulations of his widow.

She was one of the first victims of the Bolshevik revolution. Arrested in 1917 she was deported to Siberia with the Grand Duchess Elizabeth and the sons of the Grand Duke Constantine Constantinovitch, to whom her husband was related.

The Grand Duchess and her relatives were shot, and the same fate was reserved for the Princess Zizianoff. However, the Danish Red Cross Mission pleaded for her, representing that she was only a Russian aristocrat by her marriage. The Bolshevik executioners were brought to reason. They spared the Princess, who continued to reside in Russia.

For two years she led a miserable existence. Valiantly she strove to resign herself to her deplorable situation, but finally made up her mind to escape.

She was able to improve her situation by obtaining possession of her jewels, which had been scattered in Copenhagen.

With the money she had been able to raise she decided to go to America, and in October, 1924, she obtained a passport available for six months, in accordance with American law.

The passport was issued by Mr. Donald Bigelow, who, a year later, refused to renew it.

An allegation against the Princess is that while she was in America she had created a Soviet centre. It was further suggested that she was a Jewess of low extraction.

Taken to Court of Appeal.

When the Princess went to New York she opened a silk establishment with the help of manufacturers, and was doing very well—so well that she decided to have the visa on her passport prolonged.

She wrote to the American Consul-General in Paris asking him to include her in the "quota" visa, adding that she would apply for the necessary document when she came to Paris in 1925.

She called on Mr. Bigelow on December 10 of that year, and was told that he had unsatisfactory reports about her.

She showed her papers proving that she was of French origin. The reply she received was that the documents were of no value.

When the case came before the Court in April last, Mr. Bigelow invoked diplomatic immunity, and, moreover, advanced the argument that the Court was incompetent. The Court declared itself competent, and the matter was brought before the Court of Appeal.

ARE YOU LOSING WEIGHT?

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WISE PARENTS.

HINTS ON PUNISHING THE
CHILD.

A BETTER WAY.

Many parents when punishing their children, are too apt to adopt the attitude, "When I was a child I was flogged," believing that what was good for them must necessarily be good for every other boy.

After all, when one comes to think of it, flogging, beating, or knocking a child about is an easy form of inflicting punishment. No thought is required beforehand. Yet infinite harm may be done by creating the impression in the mind of the child that the parent or teacher is getting some satisfaction from "laying it on." Particularly is this so when a child is punished in temper.

Most of the public references to the subject of school arise from the occasional applications to magistrates. Very few parents, considering the number of children attending school, apply for a summons against a teacher for assault. They are sensible enough to realise that teachers, as a whole, have a difficult task in controlling a number of children, and some form of punishment—physical or otherwise depends upon the circumstances—is necessary.

On the other hand, one is apt to forget the point of view of the child. I know in some cases it is the teacher, not the child, who is difficult. Little incidents will often have a tremendous psychological influence upon the mind of the child.

It is safe to say that school discipline is, on the whole, excellent, and few people had better facilities than myself of knowing what real friends teachers are to those under their control. All the same, it is open to question whether the case under such circumstances is the wisest form of discipline. There is a great deal to be said for deferring the punishment, and if the case has to be employed, to do so only when the irritation of the moment has passed.

Love of Giving Pain.

Fortunately, the cases in which parents have to be proceeded against for excessive punishment are very rare. Usually, there is some cause, such as temper, drink, or a neurotic temperament; although there are still instances in which it would appear that a love for inflicting pain is the sole reason for the outburst. The strange thing is that in the few cases which have to go to court, it is usually a very small child who is the sufferer. There was the case of a man who hit his infant child terribly severe blows because it cried in the night and disturbed his sleep.

There are also cases which to the normal person with a well-balanced mind, seem to be past comprehension. For the theft of a small article a mother took her little girl's hand and held it on the hot bar of the fireplace. When asked to give a reason for this act of extreme brutality, she replied it was better for the child to suffer a little pain now than to burn in eternity! The "little pain" developed into the loss of the use of three of the fingers!

Hitting a child is rarely of any use as a punishment, particularly when done in an outburst of bad feeling. That discipline is necessary in the bringing up of the child is obvious to everyone; the lack of it may become a determining feature in the building of character. The wise parents, and these, despite all that is said and written by the pessimists, are in the majority, usually know a better method—the withholding of a specially-liked delicacy, the postponement of a treat, or stopping a visit to the cinema. The exercise of a little thought will usually lead to the finding of a way, and the impression on the mind of a child is likely to be more lasting.

A foolish, misguided, or wrong action may have the worst possible effect on a child's mind and alter the whole trend of its thoughts, if not the course of its life. This is one of the facts which should impress on parents the responsibility of determining on discipline with justice, and at the same time, with earnest thought.

For the unwise parent there is still the law should it become necessary. A friend of mine one day was correcting her little girl for stretching across the table. As she gently smacked her hand the child looked up with a smile and said, "Do you know there is a society to prevent that?"—Sir Robert Farr, O.B.E. (Late Secretary, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children).

William George Burn, aged 24, of Wick Road, Hackney, E., was so severely injured when his motorcycle combination, and a motor-car collided at Sebert Road, Forest Gate, E., that he died soon afterwards.

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Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	24.	Nellore
Calcutta and Straits	24.	Hosang
Europe via Negapatam (letter only, London 26th Jan.)	24.	Kalyan
Shanghai and Swatow	24.	Ichang
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	25.	President Hayes.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.		
Europe via Negapatam. Paper only London Jan. 26	27.	Norviken
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	27.	President McKinley.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.		
Japan and Shanghai	28.	General Metzinger.
Saigon	28.	Porthos.
SUNDAY, MARCH 4		
Straits	4.	Suwa Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23.	Per
Sam Shiu & Wuchow	4.30 p.m.	Kong Ming
Japan	5 p.m.	Kaigan
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24		
Hoihow and Haiphong	8.30 p.m.	New Mathilde
Shanghai	10.30 a.m.	Nanchang
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Noon	Hai Hong
Straits and Calcutta Parcels 10.00 a.m. Letters 11.00 a.m.		Talamba.
Japan	2.30 p.m.	Kalyan
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th Mar. K.P.O.—Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters (26th Feb.) 9 a.m. G.P.O.—Registration 3 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		Katori Maru.
Shanghai	5 p.m.	Sin Kiang
Amoy	5 p.m.	Hosang
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 28th Mar. K.P.O. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (Feb. 25) 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Feb. 25) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Nellore.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25.		
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	8.30 a.m.	Hanoi
Manila	8.30 p.m.	Emp. of Russia
Swatow	5 p.m.	Chakang
Amoy	5 p.m.	Hosang
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26.		
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	9 a.m.	Hoihow Maru
Bangkok via Swatow	9 a.m.	Kaigan

Correspondence bearing vessels name only.

OUTLAW SHEIKH.

Leads Raiders In Persia.

STORY OF THE FIGHT.

Bandits Kill Personnel Of Two Caravans.

Basra, Yesterday. It transpires that Feisal Ed Dowish himself led the raiders. The force was divided into three sections. The first two attacked the encampment as cable and the third was foraging alone when it met the two caravans, the first consisting of 25 camels accompanied by 15 Subi tribesmen who, according to Arab tradition, are descendants of Mediaeval European crusaders and are regarded as guests, are allowed to travel freely and are never attacked by Nomads.

The second caravan consisted of 40 camels and 500 sheep accompanied by about 15 men. The Wahabis fell on both caravans, killing all the men and capturing the animals and were about to attack the third caravan when British aeroplanes appeared and bombed and scattered them.—Reuter.

Earlier Details.

[A cable published yesterday stated:—The arrival of a messenger with a request for permission to trade otherwise the Bedouin would take what they required at the edge of the sword has shifted the scene of Feisal Ed Dowish's exploits to Koweit, in the north-west corner of the Persian Gulf, which is now threatened by the outlaw sheikh with 600 Wahabi Camelry.

The messenger was sent back by the Sultan Koweit, who defied the raiders, and as the Sultan is subsidised by Britain, H.M.S. "Emerald," which bombarded Nanking in March last, arrived at Koweit, where the population is under arms. Meanwhile 2,000 Akhwan warriors crossed the Iraq border on February 20 and attacked an encampment at Jowarin, 60 miles south-west of Basra. The Akhwans lost 60 dead and 200 wounded. The Jowarin casualties were heavier and they lost all their cattle. Air Force machines from the base at Ur, caught up and bombed and severely punished the Akhwans. Flying Officer Rolf Jackson crashed in the desert and was killed in the course of operations.]

TOO LATE.

ECHO OF THE SAMOAN TROUBLE.

Wellington, Yesterday.

Nelson, in a statement, says he will offer the New Zealand Government his assistance in the present emergency.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Coates, commenting on this, regrets that Nelson's proffered services were not available many months ago. He added that he had received no communication from Nelson regarding recent events in Samoa.—Reuter.

[Nelson was one of the Europeans implicated in the recent Samoan trouble.]

Impasse.

Wellington, Yesterday. The position at Samoa has apparently reached an impasse. Mau is believed, in obedience to an exhortation by some of the recently deported Europeans to "stick to Mau," refuse to meet the native council or the Administrator. Meanwhile, the shops are boycotted and Mau agents armed with bludgeons are compelling the natives to return their purchases.

The cruisers "Dunedin" and "Diomedes" have arrived.—Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL "CUTS"

Washington, Yesterday.

The New York "Times" Washington correspondent declares that the House of Representatives Naval Committee is disposed severely to cut down Mr. Wilson's naval programme and substitute 15-10,000-ton cruisers, 2 aircraft-carriers and possibly 21 submarines to be completed in four years.—Reuter's American Service.

SEIYUKAI WINS.

Results of Japanese Elections.

MAJORITY OF 10.

Smaller Parties Able To Form Bloc In Diet.

Tokyo, Yesterday. According to almost complete returns from all Japan except one prefecture, the Seiyukai have won the election with a narrow majority of 10 seats over the Minseitō. The Independents secured 15 and the Proletarians eight, thus constituting a Diet bloc which can swing to either party.

Osaka, Yesterday. Kuhara, the potential Foreign Minister, has been elected.—Reuter.

Earlier Results.

Tokyo, Yesterday. 133 election results have been published, so far, as follows:—
Minseitō Party 65
Seiyukai Party 53
Independents 5
Social Democrats 3
Reform Party 2
Business Party 2
Tenant-Farmers' Party 2
Farmers' Party 1
—Reuter.

TO BE REMOVED.

U.S. REAR ADMIRAL CENSURED.

COLLISION INQUIRY.

Washington, Yesterday.

The Naval Court of Inquiry has placed the responsibility for the collision between the submarine "S-4," and the U.S. cruiser "Paulding," jointly on the two commanders, and recommends the detachment of Rear-Admiral Frank Brumby from the command of the control force which includes the submarines in the Atlantic fleet for failure to "contribute that superior intelligence and guidance of force and sound judgment expected from an officer of his length of service, experience and position" in the rescue work of which he was in charge.

The Court, however, finds that the rescue plans conceived by others were intelligently and well executed and that everything was done to save the lives of the submarine crew.—Reuter's American Service.

SIMON COMMISSION.

COUNCIL OF STATE APPOINTS COMMITTEE.

Delhi, Yesterday.

The Council of State has adopted by 34 to 12 a motion appointing a committee to participate in the Simon Commission.—Reuter.

"Take What You Get."

In the Council of State a motion was proposed by Sir Manekjee Dadabhai who, in advising them to "take what you get and fight for more," urged India not to throw away the golden opportunity of accelerating the progress of the reforms by sulking like schoolboys. Pandit Desikacharya recommended that since it was not practical in politics to achieve freedom by revolution, Indians should, by intelligent co-operation, obtain absolute control of the government with parliament's help.

Sir Sankarannair thought the Committee could influence the Commission's recommendations. Anyway, it had an excellent opportunity of submitting a report embodying a constitution for presentation to England, America and the civilised world, as India's minimum demand.—Reuter.

SHOT IN HEEL.

Ng Hon (20) a native of Yau-ping village in the New Territories was yesterday admitted to the Netherland Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in his left heel. The wound was stated to have been accidentally inflicted by the youth himself whilst carrying a revolver in the village. He was a member of the village volunteers.

7 NEW CRUISERS.

Contracts Placed At Home Yards.

A FLOTILLA LEADER.

Barrow, Greenock, Clydebank, Tyne And Wallsend To Build.

London, Yesterday. The Admiralty announces that contracts have been placed for the construction of seven cruisers, one at Barrow, two at Greenock, two at Clydebank and two on the Tyne and a flotilla leader at Wallsend.—Reuter.

POLITICAL ISSUE.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, Yesterday. Unemployment in New York is rapidly becoming a political issue, the Opposition drawing attention to the matter as a reply to Government officials' repeated assurances of United States' prosperity being at the flood and likely to continue so.

The New York Democrat, Mr. Celler, has introduced a motion into the House of Representatives asking President Coolidge to speed-up Government works throughout the country for the purpose of remedying unemployment.—Reuter's American Service.

TEA-POT DOME.

SINCLAIR AND OTHERS SENTENCED.

Washington, Yesterday.

Harry Sinclair has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment, William Burns, head of the Burns Detective Agency to a fortnight's jail, Sherman Burns, operating head of the same Agency, fined \$1,000 and Henry Mason Day to 4 months' imprisonment for criminal contempt of court in tampering with the jury in Sinclair's trial last October.—Reuter's American Service.

PIG STY OCCUPANT.

HOVEL RANSACKED BY ROBBERS.

A Chinese hawker living in a hovel which he admitted was previously used as a pig sty before he went there, was the victim of three robbers in Kauwai village, Aberdeen, on the night of February 8. The robbers took money and clothing worth \$14.

The story of the robbery was told in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, when two of the alleged robbers were charged and remanded. Mr. C. E. L. Grist was for the defence.

FATAL FALL.

Chan Fung-ying (26) an amah employed by Mr. Kwan Kwok-chin, of No. 7, Nanking Street, Yau-mat, was the victim of a distressing accident yesterday afternoon. Whilst she was engaged in closing a back window on the third floor of the house she overbalanced and fell head first into the lane. Her skull was fractured and she was killed instantaneously. The police removed the body to the Kowloon mortuary.

QUARRELED WITH HUSBAND.

A Chinese woman named Chan Heung living at No. 178, Third Street, West Point, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from wounds to her head and left arm alleged to have been received as the result of a quarrel with her husband, who had been detained by the police.

SKULL FRACTURED.

Woo Hon-tsin a student of St. Stephen's College was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital from West Point in a very serious condition. He fractured his skull as the result of a fall whilst alighting from the College bus whilst it was in motion.

ST. PAUL'S INSTITUTION.

Lady Clement will distribute the prizes of St. Paul's Institute (Anglo-French School), Causeway Bay on Monday, March 5 at 4 p.m.

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